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H.R. No. 620

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The life of an esteemed physician drew to a close  
2 with the passing of Dr. Harmon Watson Kelley of San Antonio on  
3 January 26, 2023, at the age of 77; and

4           WHEREAS, Born in Cameron on June 22, 1945, Harmon Kelley was  
5 the son of Harmon and Shirley Kelley; he grew up with four siblings,  
6 Constance, Danny, David, and Marvin, and he graduated as  
7 valedictorian of the Class of 1963 at O. J. Thomas High School; he  
8 was commissioned as an officer in the U.S. Army while studying at  
9 Prairie View A&M University, where he graduated cum laude, and he  
10 went on to earn his doctor of medicine degree from The University of  
11 Texas Medical Branch at Galveston; a member of the U.S. Army Medical  
12 Corps, he completed his obstetrics and gynecology residency at  
13 William Beaumont Army Medical Center in El Paso; and

14           WHEREAS, Dr. Kelley was subsequently stationed at Fort Hood  
15 in Killeen, serving as chief of the obstetrics and gynecology  
16 department at the Darnall Army Medical Center; in 1978, he moved to  
17 San Antonio and founded Southeast OB-GYN Associates, P.A., where he  
18 practiced for 44 years; in other tenures, he served as chief of  
19 staff of the former Southeast Baptist Hospital and chair of the  
20 OB/GYN Department for the Baptist Health System; and

21           WHEREAS, Widely respected, Dr. Kelley received the Ashbel  
22 Smith Distinguished Alumni Award, the highest honor bestowed by the  
23 UTMB School of Medicine Alumni Association; he also garnered the  
24 Baptist Health System W. B. Russ Lifetime Achievement Award and the

1 prestigious Golden Aesculapius Award from the Bexar County Medical  
2 Society; in 2004, Dr. Harmon W. Kelley Elementary School in San  
3 Antonio was established in his honor; and

4 WHEREAS, Dr. Kelley enjoyed the love and support of his wife  
5 of 53 years, Harriet, and he took great pride in their two  
6 daughters, Margaret and Jennifer; and

7 WHEREAS, Deeply devoted to his family and his community,  
8 Dr. Harmon Kelley made a meaningful difference in the lives of his  
9 patients and fellow citizens, and his contributions will resonate  
10 for years to come; now, therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas  
12 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Dr. Harmon Watson  
13 Kelley and extend heartfelt condolences to the members of his  
14 family: to his wife, Harriet O'Banion Kelley; to his daughters,  
15 Dr. Margaret A. Kelley and Jennifer R. Kelley; to his sister,  
16 Constance Ward; to his brothers, Dr. Danny Kelley and his wife,  
17 Dr. Janice Kelley, and David Kelley and his wife, Karen Kelley; to  
18 his brother-in-law, Charles H. O'Banion, Esq.; and to all others  
19 who mourn his passing; and, be it further

20 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
21 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
22 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Dr. Harmon  
23 Kelley.