

By: Rose

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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The family and friends of Jerome "Jack" Curtis Cates
2 of San Marcos were deeply saddened by the passing of this
3 distinguished educator and administrator on March 29, 2003, at the
4 age of 91; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Cates was born on August 15, 1911, in Menard; he
6 graduated from Robstown High School in 1930 and studied business
7 administration at Texas College of Arts and Industries in
8 Kingsville; he earned his bachelor of arts degree with honors and
9 his master of business administration degree at The University of
10 Texas at Austin; and

11 WHEREAS, While living in Beeville for 15 years, Mr. Cates
12 worked as a teacher, high school principal, and superintendent of
13 the Beeville public schools; in 1950, he moved to San Marcos and
14 became business administrator and associate professor at Southwest
15 Texas State University; later, he served in the positions of
16 professor of business administration, chief fiscal officer, vice
17 president of fiscal affairs, and interim president of the
18 university; after a distinguished 25-year tenure with the
19 university, Mr. Cates retired in 1975; and

20 WHEREAS, This esteemed gentleman continued to benefit SWTSU
21 in numerous ways after his retirement; a charter member of the board
22 of trustees of SWT University Foundation, Mr. Cates belonged to the
23 SWTSU Alumni Association, the Century Club, and the Bobcat Club;
24 and

1 WHEREAS, Mr. Cates was a charter member and president of the
2 Texas Association of State Senior Colleges and University Business
3 Officers and a district officer of the Texas State Teachers
4 Association; in addition, he served as president of the San Marcos
5 Association of Retired Teachers; and

6 WHEREAS, Also an active civic leader, Mr. Cates was president
7 of the chamber of commerce in Beeville and San Marcos as well as
8 club president and lieutenant governor of the Texas-Oklahoma
9 District of Kiwanis International; furthermore, he served as
10 director of the Schieb Clinic and as community director of Norwest
11 Bank; and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. Cates married his first wife, Lucile Wynn, in
13 1932, and they shared a special union, which was blessed with two
14 children, before her death in 1978; in 1981, he was fortunate to
15 have found happiness a second time with his marriage to Mildred
16 Mitchell, with whom he shared many happy times for 22 years; and

17 WHEREAS, A valued member of his community and member of the
18 First Baptist Church in San Marcos, Mr. Cates will not soon be
19 forgotten; his spirit will continue to live through his legacy of
20 good works, and his memory is enshrined in the hearts of those
21 individuals fortunate enough to have known him; now, therefore, be
22 it

23 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
24 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby pay special tribute to the
25 life of Jerome "Jack" Curtis Cates and extend deepest sympathies to
26 the members of his family: to his wife, Mildred Mitchell; to his
27 two children and their spouses, Jerome Curtis Cates, Jr., and

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1 Kathleen Cates, and Kay Carolyn and Weldon Hudson; to his
2 grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and to his other relatives
3 and many friends; and, be it further

4 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
5 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
6 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Jerome
7 "Jack" Curtis Cates.