

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The family and friends of Gordon Cockerham of  
2 Burleson were deeply saddened by the passing of this distinguished  
3 gentleman on November 29, 2002, at the age of 69; and

4           WHEREAS, Born on May 21, 1933, Mr. Cockerham graduated from  
5 Red Oak High School in 1950, and four years later he received his  
6 bachelor of science degree from Abilene Christian College; in 1958,  
7 Mr. Cockerham earned his master of education degree from North  
8 Texas State University and then completed further postgraduate  
9 studies at East Texas State University; and

10          WHEREAS, This respected educator and administrator worked  
11 for 40 years in the Texas school system; he began his teaching  
12 career in Lancaster, where he served for 26 years as a teacher,  
13 coach, principal, assistant superintendent, and superintendent; he  
14 completed his public school career with 14 years of outstanding  
15 service as superintendent of the Burleson public schools; and

16          WHEREAS, Mr. Cockerham made additional contributions to  
17 education through his leadership positions in professional  
18 organizations; the 1993-1994 president of the Texas Association of  
19 School Administrators, Mr. Cockerham also had served as president  
20 of the Texas Association of Suburban Schools, as  
21 secretary-treasurer of Dallas County School Administrators, and as  
22 one of five elected Texas delegates to the National Assembly of the  
23 American Association of School Administrators; and

24          WHEREAS, He received the Dallas, Texas, Area AA Coach of the

1 Year award in 1962, 1963, and 1964; in 1980, the city council of  
2 Lancaster and the Lancaster ISD board of trustees declared a  
3 Cockerham Day to recognize him for his contributions to the  
4 community and to the field of education; and

5 WHEREAS, Also a valued member of the Burleson community, Mr.  
6 Cockerham served as president of the Burleson Area Chamber of  
7 Commerce in 1982; and

8 WHEREAS, Mr. Cockerham is widely missed by family and  
9 friends, but his memory lives on in their hearts and in the  
10 positive, lasting influence he had on his students and on families  
11 throughout the communities where he served; now, therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas  
13 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby pay special tribute to the  
14 life of Gordon Cockerham and extend deepest sympathies to the  
15 members of his family: to his wife, Bobbie Cockerham; to his sons,  
16 Lon and Bret Cockerham; to his daughter, Sherry Brooks; and to his  
17 other relatives and many friends; and, be it further

18 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
19 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
20 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Gordon  
21 Cockerham.

Wohlgemuth

H.R. No. 169

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 169 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on July 25, 2003.

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Chief Clerk of the House