

By: Cook of Colorado

H.R. No. 182

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Quentin Ware Martin, chief water resources planner  
2 for the Lower Colorado River Authority and a nationally renowned  
3 expert in water resource planning, passed away on May 11, 2003; and

4           WHEREAS, During his career, Dr. Martin significantly shaped  
5 the emerging science of water supply and drought management in  
6 Texas; he led the development of the first water management plan in  
7 the state in 1989 and the first drought management plan two years  
8 later; and

9           WHEREAS, Instrumental in developing a regional long-term  
10 water plan under a statewide water resource planning process  
11 mandated by Senate Bill 1, which was enacted by the Texas  
12 Legislature in 1997, he provided research, guidance, and  
13 administrative support to the Region K planning group, whose  
14 members represented multiple water supply interests throughout the  
15 Colorado River Basin; with his help, the group proposed an  
16 innovative and widely praised interregional water resource plan  
17 that would increase water supplies for both the Colorado River  
18 Basin and the San Antonio area; and

19           WHEREAS, Dr. Martin served as editor of the American Society  
20 of Civil Engineers' *Journal of Water Resources Planning and*  
21 *Management*, one of the premier national and international  
22 professional publications in the field; in 2002, he received the  
23 society's Julian Hinds Award, which is given annually to an  
24 individual for notable performance, distinguished service, or

1 engineering advancements related to water resource planning,  
2 development, and management; and

3 WHEREAS, In addition, he served as a consultant to the United  
4 Nations, worked on water resource projects in Brazil, Spain, and  
5 India, and was an Eagle Scout and an avid sailor, scuba diver,  
6 historian, fossil collector, runner, and international traveler;  
7 and

8 WHEREAS, Dr. Martin was an esteemed alumnus of The University  
9 of Texas at Austin, where he earned a doctoral degree in mechanical  
10 engineering and master's and bachelor's degrees in mathematics,  
11 with minors in physics and statistics; and

12 WHEREAS, A treasured and much-loved colleague and friend to  
13 many, Dr. Martin was kind to everyone and had a special gift for  
14 bringing people together, building common ground among those with  
15 different interests and views, and skillfully guiding even the most  
16 heated negotiations on the basis of solid science and a compassion  
17 borne of caring deeply for the Colorado River Basin's natural  
18 resources; now, therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas  
20 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the  
21 remarkable life and invaluable contributions of Quentin Ware Martin  
22 and extend sincere sympathy to the members of his family: to his  
23 wife, Patricia Martin; to his son, Shannon Martin; to his parents,  
24 Robert and Virginia Martin; to his brother, Neil Martin and his  
25 wife, Linda; to his colleagues at the Lower Colorado River  
26 Authority; and to all those who mourn the passing of this brilliant,  
27 good, and gentle man who dedicated his life to serving the public

1 and protecting the region's precious water supplies; and, be it  
2 further

3           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
4 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
5 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Quentin  
6 Ware Martin.