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H.R. No. 113

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The untimely passing of the Dr. Darrel Rains of  
2 Cleburne on August 1, 2003, at the age of 57, has deeply saddened  
3 the family and many friends of this beloved pastor; and

4           WHEREAS, A native of Oklahoma, he was the youngest of three  
5 children born to proud parents Ray and Mary Rains; as a young man  
6 Dr. Rains developed his talent as a creative writer and planned to  
7 pursue a journalism degree at Oklahoma University; and

8           WHEREAS, Before accepting a full scholarship to the school,  
9 he received a call to the ministry and instead enrolled in Oklahoma  
10 Baptist University; Dr. Rains was also an alumnus of Southwestern  
11 Baptist Theological Seminary, where he earned a master of divinity  
12 degree and a doctorate in ministry; and

13           WHEREAS, Dr. Rains began his ministerial career at Agnew  
14 Avenue Baptist Church in Oklahoma City and over the years served  
15 congregations in Albuquerque, Pampa, and Dallas; gifted at bringing  
16 people together, his guidance enabled church families to heal rifts  
17 and grow stronger in faith and friendship; and

18           WHEREAS, A devoted husband and father, this admired  
19 gentleman's experience, dedication, and wisdom made a lasting  
20 impact on the lives of many, and his legacy of spiritual leadership  
21 remains as a reminder of his life; now, therefore, be it

22           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas  
23 Legislature, 2nd Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the life of  
24 the Dr. Darrel Rains and extend sincere sympathy to his wife,

1 Suzanne; to his son, Nathan Rains, and his wife, Betsy; to his  
2 daughter, Amy Wood, and her husband, Mark; to his grandchildren,  
3 Madison and Taylor Rains; to his father and stepmother, Ray and  
4 Ethel Rains; to his sister, Rae Ellen Heinzig, and her husband,  
5 James; and to the other relatives and many friends of this beloved  
6 gentleman; and, be it further

7         RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
8 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
9 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of the Dr.  
10 Darrel Rains.