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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Family and friends of Dr. Sam A. Nixon of Houston
2 were profoundly saddened by the passing of this esteemed physician,
3 educator, and administrator on August 17, 2003; and

4 WHEREAS, Dr. Nixon was born in Galveston on June 28, 1927, and
5 he graduated from Texas A&M University with a bachelor of science
6 degree in 1946; he earned his medical degree from The University of
7 Texas Medical Branch in Galveston and had a rotating internship at
8 Fordham Hospital in New York City; and

9 WHEREAS, Serving in the U.S. Army Medical Corps, he was
10 stationed in Korea, Japan, and Texas; he established a successful
11 private practice caring for patients in Floresville and Nixon for
12 23 years and then moved to Houston to be a professor in the
13 Department of Family Practice and Community Medicine at The
14 University of Texas at Houston; and

15 WHEREAS, Maintaining a strong commitment to medical
16 education, he worked as a faculty associate for the Center for
17 Health Promotion Research and Development at The University of
18 Texas at Houston, as assistant dean of continuing education at The
19 University of Texas Medical School at Houston, and as director of
20 the Office of Continuing Medical Education at The University of
21 Texas Health Science Center at Houston; and

22 WHEREAS, Benefiting others with his experience and
23 leadership skills, Dr. Nixon served as president of the Texas
24 Academy of Family Physicians (TAFP), the American Academy of Family

1 Physicians, the Texas Medical Association (TMA), and the Houston
2 Academy of Medicine; and

3 WHEREAS, His professional contributions also included
4 working as a diplomate of the American Board of Family Practice and
5 an editor of *Texas Health Letter*; furthermore, Dr. Nixon belonged
6 to the board of regents of the Uniformed Services University of
7 Health Sciences, the advisory committee of the Centers for Disease
8 Control and Prevention, which he also served as consultant, and the
9 Harris County and Gonzales County medical societies; and

10 WHEREAS, This esteemed physician was duly honored with the
11 2002 TAFP Lifetime Achievement Award and the 1999 TMA Distinguished
12 Service Award; he also received the 1991 American Medical
13 Association Award for Health Education and the 1982 Ashbel Smith
14 Distinguished Alumnus Award of The University of Texas Medical
15 Branch; and

16 WHEREAS, Through many years of dedication to the field of
17 medicine, as both a practitioner and an educator, Dr. Nixon
18 positively affected the lives of countless individuals, and his
19 legacy will endure through his many good works; now, therefore, be
20 it

21 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
22 Legislature, 2nd Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the life of
23 Dr. Sam A. Nixon and extend sincere sympathy to the members of his
24 family: to his wife, Elizabeth Nixon; to his four daughters, Alice
25 Nixon, Betsy Carrell, Jano Nixon, and Dorothy Robinson; and to his
26 other relatives and numerous friends; and, be it further

27 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be

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1 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
2 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Dr. Sam A.
3 Nixon.