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H.R. No. 162

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Dan Hemphill, a former mayor of the city of Odessa,
2 died on August 18, 2003, at the age of 85, and with his death the
3 citizens of that city have lost a distinguished community leader,
4 renowned philanthropist, and valued neighbor and friend; and

5 WHEREAS, A native of Plainview, he was a 1941 graduate of West
6 Texas A&M University, and throughout his life he remained a strong
7 supporter of higher education in the Lone Star State, helping to
8 attract to the Odessa-Midland area two key institutions, The
9 University of Texas of the Permian Basin and the local branch of the
10 Texas Tech University Medical School; a highly accomplished area
11 business leader as well, he had served as president of Continental
12 Products of Texas since 1950 and also as president of the Odessa
13 Chamber of Commerce; and

14 WHEREAS, Mr. Hemphill's commitment to the city of Odessa led
15 him to seek elected office, and by the early 1970s he had served as
16 both a city councilman and mayor; outspoken and forthright, he was
17 admired and respected by his constituents, and in his bid for a
18 second term as mayor he won with a landslide 70 percent of the vote;
19 and

20 WHEREAS, His belief in the value of public service, moreover,
21 extended into the realm of philanthropy; a man of great generosity
22 and compassion, he worked in partnership with his beloved wife to
23 establish the Dan and Hermine Hemphill Charitable Foundation for
24 the benefit of our state's youngest citizens; and

1 WHEREAS, This outstanding Texan will be greatly missed by the
2 people of Odessa, many of whom had the privilege of working with him
3 in his civic and charitable endeavors; those who knew Dan Hemphill
4 will long remember his unwavering devotion to the city he was so
5 proud to call home, and his memory will continue to live on in the
6 hearts of the many people whose lives he touched during his years on
7 this earth; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
9 Legislature, 2nd Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the life of
10 former Odessa mayor Dan Hemphill and extend profound sympathy to
11 the members of his family: to his wife, Hermine Hemphill; to his
12 daughters, Alecia Self and Ricki Shackelford; and to his many other
13 relatives and friends; and, be it further

14 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
15 prepared for the members of his family and that when the Texas House
16 of Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Dan
17 Hemphill.