

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 102

In Memory
of
M. L. Risenger

WHEREAS, Residents of Terrell are mourning the loss of M. L. "Doc" Risenger, an accomplished veterinarian, businessman, and civic leader, who passed away on September 25, 2003, at the age of 68; and

WHEREAS, Doc Risenger was born in Bryan on November 12, 1934; he graduated from the Texas A&M School of Veterinary Medicine in 1959 and began his career in Bryan; following 15 years in Kaufman, he spent 26 years in Terrell, where he was in practice with his son, Casey, at Risenger Veterinary Hospital since 1987; and

WHEREAS, This esteemed community leader had been a member of the Trinity Valley Community College board of trustees for nearly two decades, and he had served as the board president since 1995; during his tenure, he gained the respect and admiration of his peers for his sound judgment, honesty, and natural leadership ability; and

WHEREAS, A longtime member and deacon of the First Baptist Church, Dr. Risenger also owned and managed the Terrell Livestock Commission for 11 years and was active with a host of noteworthy organizations, including the local and state high school rodeo associations, the Texas Board of Health, Future Farmers of America, 4-H, and the board of the Terrell Independent School District, for which he served six years as president; and

WHEREAS, Named Kaufman County Outstanding Cattleman in 1993, Dr. Risenger was a man of integrity, dedication, and a strong work ethic, and while he will be greatly missed, his memory will live on in the hearts and minds of the many people whose lives he touched; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 78th Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the life of M. L. "Doc" Risenger and extend sincere sympathy to the members of his family: to his wife of 48 years, Marie; to his sons and daughters-in-law, Charlie and Dena Risenger and Casey and Phyllis Risenger; and to his other relatives and many friends; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That an official copy of this Resolution be prepared for his family and that when the Texas Senate adjourns this day, it do so in memory of M. L. "Doc" Risenger.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on October 8, 2003, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate