

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The passing of Metford E. Mountford of Houston on
2 January 4, 2004, at the age of 54, has deeply saddened the family
3 and many friends of this esteemed gentleman; and

4 WHEREAS, A graduate of Concordia Teachers' College in Seward,
5 Nebraska, Mr. Mountford cherished his Christian faith, and devoted
6 a lifetime to the Lord's work; and

7 WHEREAS, This notable Texan came to St. Mark Lutheran Church
8 in 1971, and over the next three decades, he served as teacher,
9 youth director, organist, choir director, minister of music, and
10 senior administrator; he began a new career in design and
11 construction, as well as a distinguished tenure as Trinity's
12 organist and choir director, in 2000; and

13 WHEREAS, He also lent his time and talents to the board of
14 directors, board of parish services, and worship committee of the
15 Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod/Texas District; he led conferences
16 and workshops in Canada, Europe, and the United States, and in 1991,
17 he was invited to direct the Houston Lutheran Chorale at Carnegie
18 Hall; and

19 WHEREAS, Dedicated to his faith and his family, Metford
20 Mountford touched the lives of countless people, and his memory
21 will surely live on for many years to come in the hearts of all those
22 who were privileged to know him; now, therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
24 Legislature, 4th Called Session, hereby honor the life of Metford

1 E. Mountford and extend deepest sympathy to his family: to his
2 wife, Mary Mountford; to his daughter and son-in-law, Meda and
3 Michael Kaspar; to his granddaughters, Meredith and Michaela
4 Kaspar; to his mother and stepfather, Genevieve and James Culwell;
5 to his brother and sister-in-law, Monroe and Kim Mountford; and to
6 the other relatives and many friends of this beloved gentleman;
7 and, be it further

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

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H.R. No. 265

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 265 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on May 17, 2004.

Chief Clerk of the House