

By: Gallego

H.C.R. No. 53

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The passing of James H. Copp on January 18, 2003, has
2 greatly saddened the family, friends, colleagues, and students of
3 this esteemed educator; and

4 WHEREAS, A native of Minnesota, Dr. Copp was born in Thief
5 River Falls on April 28, 1925; after receiving bachelor's and
6 master's degrees from the University of Minnesota in 1949 and 1951,
7 he went on to earn a doctorate in sociology from the University of
8 Wisconsin in 1954; and

9 WHEREAS, Before joining the staff of Texas A&M University in
10 1972, this esteemed gentleman taught at Kansas State University,
11 Pennsylvania State University, and his alma mater, the University
12 of Wisconsin, and he worked for the United States Department of
13 Agriculture; and

14 WHEREAS, Dr. Copp was a professor at Texas A&M for nearly
15 three decades, during which time he also served as head of the
16 Department of Rural Sociology and the Department of Sociology and
17 Anthropology and as a mentor; he retired in 1999 but continued
18 teaching at the university as a professor emeritus; and

19 WHEREAS, Considered an expert in the field of rural
20 sociology, Dr. Copp authored several books on the subject,
21 including *Our Changing Rural Society: Perspectives and Trends*,
22 which was published in 1964 and is considered a classic in the
23 field, and his most recent book, *Population Change in the Rural*
24 *West, 1975-1990*, which was coauthored with John Wardwell; and

1 WHEREAS, Extremely active with the Rural Sociological
2 Society (RSS) and the Southern Rural Sociological Association
3 (SRSA), he received the Distinguished Rural Sociologist Award from
4 the RSS and the Teaching Excellence Award from the SRSA; and

5 WHEREAS, James Copp was a man of dedication, integrity, and
6 wisdom, and while he will be greatly missed, his spirit lives on in
7 the hearts and minds of the many people whose lives he touched; now,
8 therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the 78th Legislature of the State of Texas
10 hereby extend sincere sympathy to the family of James H. Copp: to
11 his wife, Veronica; to his daughters, Christine Avery and her
12 partner, Terry Johnson, Karen and her partner, Steve Hendrix, Sarah
13 and her husband, Humberto La Roche, and Martha and her husband, Jeff
14 Supplee; to his son, John Copp and his wife, Peggy; to his seven
15 grandchildren; and to his other relatives and many friends; and, be
16 it further

17 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
18 prepared for his family and that when the House of Representatives
19 and Senate adjourn this day, they do so in memory of James H. Copp.