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H.R. No. 89

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, McKinney's 2001 Outstanding Citizen of the Year,  
2 William Carey Cox, Sr., died on July 28, 2002, at the age of 61, and  
3 his passing has been deeply felt throughout the community he was  
4 proud to call home; and

5           WHEREAS, After graduating from Lamar University in 1962, Mr.  
6 Cox began his career by partnering with his father as a co-owner of  
7 Cox Chevrolet in McKinney; he sold the dealership in 1977 and  
8 embarked on a career in real estate, founding the Carey Cox Co.,  
9 which specialized in commercial and industrial real estate; and

10           WHEREAS, A dedicated volunteer who led by example, he gave  
11 generously of his time and talents in support of numerous  
12 charitable organizations; he was a Paul Harris Fellow and former  
13 president of Rotary International and the local United Way board  
14 and had served as a board member of the Boys & Girls Club and the Red  
15 Cross; feeling it was his honor and responsibility to serve others,  
16 he was an active congregant of the First United Methodist Church,  
17 where he lived his faith as a youth counselor, Sunday school  
18 teacher, choir member, and lay speaker; and

19           WHEREAS, Figuring prominently among his many accomplishments  
20 was his role in cofounding Collin County Community College in 1985;  
21 the school's first board chairman, who held the post until stepping  
22 down in 2000, he oversaw its development into a highly respected  
23 educational institution, and he earned the lasting admiration of  
24 the community for his visionary leadership; and

1           WHEREAS, Selected to serve as an Olympic torchbearer on  
2 December 12, 2001, William Carey Cox, Sr., truly embodied the  
3 Olympic spirit and inspired all who knew him, and the legacy of  
4 achievement he left behind will not soon be forgotten; now,  
5 therefore, be it

6           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas  
7 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of William Carey Cox,  
8 Sr., and extend sincere sympathy to the members of his family: to  
9 his wife of 26 years, Judy Cox; to his children and their spouses,  
10 Tim and Tisha Cox, Thomas Cox, Bill and Wendy Cox, David and  
11 Stefanie Cox, and Ginny and Dale Mullis; to his sister and  
12 brother-in-law, Peggy and Ed Sharp; to his father-in-law, Laud  
13 Howell; to his grandchildren; and to his other relatives and many  
14 friends; and, be it further

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