

By: Cook of Colorado

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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The passing of D. L. Alford, Jr., on December 9,
2 2002, at the age of 87, brought a great loss to the family and
3 friends of this notable family man and civic leader, and it is
4 indeed appropriate to honor his memory at this time; and

5 WHEREAS, A Caldwell native and fifth generation Texan, Mr.
6 Alford was born January 24, 1915, to Daniel Lee Alford, Sr., and
7 Annie Klukan Alford; he was a descendant of Philip Bruce Scott, who
8 came to Texas from Tennessee in 1831 to join Robertson's Colony in
9 what is now Burleson County; and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. Alford was a lifelong lover of music who
11 attended Baylor University on a music scholarship after graduating
12 from the Caldwell public school system; during his years at Baylor
13 he was a member of the Golden Wave Band and formed Dan Alford and his
14 Varsitonians, a popular dance orchestra that played throughout
15 Texas for several years; and

16 WHEREAS, He entered the insurance business and later
17 established his own underwriting company, D. L. Alford, Jr.,
18 Insurance; on December 26, 1939, he married the former Catherine
19 Grace Guynes, who preceded him in death after more than 60 years of
20 marriage; during World War II he served his fellow citizens as a
21 field director for the American Red Cross; and

22 WHEREAS, Mr. Alford's civic endeavors included charter
23 membership with the Caldwell Chamber of Commerce, which he served
24 as president, board member, and industrial committee chairman, and

1 the establishment of the Burleson County Industrial Foundation; he
2 also was a director of the East Texas Chamber of Commerce and the
3 Brazos Valley Development Council and was an alderman on the
4 Caldwell City Council; and

5 WHEREAS, Affectionately known by friends as "Mr. Rotary,"
6 this esteemed gentleman held leadership positions with Rotary
7 International on the local, state, national, and international
8 levels; in 1979 he served as district governor of District 587, and
9 throughout his long and productive tenure with the organization he
10 worked tirelessly to aid those in need; and

11 WHEREAS, A lifelong member of First Presbyterian Church of
12 Caldwell and an associate member of First United Methodist Church
13 of Caldwell, Mr. Alford was a deeply religious man whose faith,
14 integrity, and generosity were equaled by few; his loss has left a
15 void in the lives of those who knew and loved him, yet they can take
16 solace in the fact that he lived a truly joyful and meaningful life;
17 now, therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
19 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of D. L. Alford, Jr., and
20 extend sincere sympathy to the members of his family: to his sons
21 and daughters-in-law, Lee Alford III and Mary Collerain Alford and
22 James Joseph Alford and Kathy Burgess Alford; to his four
23 grandchildren and one great-granddaughter; and to the other
24 relatives and many friends of this esteemed gentleman; and, be it
25 further

26 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
27 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of

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1 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of D. L.
2 Alford, Jr.