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H.R. No. 919

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Residents of Texarkana have lost a beloved neighbor,
2 friend, and educator with the passing of Don Rader on April 15,
3 2003, at the age of 55; and

4 WHEREAS, A native of Arkansas, Mr. Rader was born in Hot
5 Springs on December 12, 1947; after graduating from high school, he
6 attended East Texas State University in Commerce; and

7 WHEREAS, Superintendent for the Liberty-Eylau Independent
8 School District (ISD) since 1998, this esteemed teacher and
9 administrator has been involved with the district for more than
10 three decades, and his dedication to his students won widespread
11 respect and appreciation; and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. Rader began his career with the district in 1969
13 as a government and civics teacher; he was the sponsor of the
14 student council, cheerleaders, and Key Club and was chosen teacher
15 of the year during the 1970s; a natural leader, he served as
16 community education director, principal at the kindergarten and
17 high school, and then assistant superintendent before assuming his
18 most recent post; and

19 WHEREAS, In recognition of his contributions to his
20 community, the Don Rader scholarship fund was established in his
21 memory by his friends and colleagues at Liberty-Eylau ISD; and

22 WHEREAS, Don Rader was a good man who fought for what he
23 believed in; he had a rapport with the students that helped him make
24 a difference in the lives of many, and his memory will live on in the

1 hearts and minds of the people whose lives he touched; now,
2 therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
4 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Don Rader and extend
5 sincere sympathy to the members of his family: to his wife, Gail
6 Rader; to his daughter, Marcy Rader; to his stepmother, Frances
7 Vaught; to his sister, Gail Ross; and to his other relatives and
8 many friends; and, be it further

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