

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, With the passing on October 27, 2002, of Dr. James
2 Watson Simpson, the State of Texas and the nation lost a
3 distinguished leader in the field of pediatric cardiology whose
4 vision and expertise saved the lives of countless children; and

5 WHEREAS, A Corpus Christi native, Dr. Simpson served as
6 director of pediatric cardiology at Driscoll Children's Hospital in
7 Corpus Christi, and in 1970 he fulfilled a long-held dream when he
8 established the Children's Heart Program of South Texas; its mobile
9 team travels to outlying areas around the state to treat indigent
10 children with heart disease and heart defects, and no child who
11 needed the program's services has ever been turned away in the three
12 decades that have passed since its founding; today known as The
13 Children's Heart and Health Institute of Texas, the program has
14 grown from seven initial medical clinics to locations in 35 South
15 Texas counties; and

16 WHEREAS, Recognized with many well-deserved honors for his
17 immense contributions to medicine, this remarkable physician was
18 the namesake for the James Simpson Cardiac Catheterization
19 Laboratory at Driscoll Children's Hospital; and

20 WHEREAS, Dr. James Simpson served as an inspiration to all
21 who were privileged to know him, and his work lives on in the life of
22 every child he treated and saved; now, therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
24 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of the late James

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1 Watson Simpson, M.D., a true Texas hero and humanitarian; and, be it
2 further

3 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
4 prepared for the members of his family and that when the Texas House
5 of Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Dr.
6 James Simpson.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1763 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on May 31, 2003.

Chief Clerk of the House