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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.