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H.R. No. 315

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The citizens of Frisco lost an admired civic leader  
2 and valued friend with the passing of Dr. Erwin G. Pink on April 20,  
3 2006; and

4           WHEREAS, A native of Wichita Falls, Dr. Pink served his  
5 country with distinction in the medical corps of the U.S. Navy  
6 before earning his bachelor's degree from Midwestern University in  
7 1949; he went on to graduate from Southwestern Medical School in  
8 1953, arriving in Frisco the following year; and

9           WHEREAS, For 43 years, Dr. Pink ably addressed the medical  
10 needs of his community; a dedicated and caring physician, he  
11 consistently worked to provide the best health care possible to  
12 each of his patients; for nearly half of his career, he served as  
13 Frisco's only doctor, a responsibility he accepted with enthusiasm;  
14 and

15           WHEREAS, He operated the Frisco Medical Clinic until his  
16 retirement in 1997 and also lent his talents to the Frisco Raccoons,  
17 serving free of charge as the team's doctor; dubbed "Painless Pink"  
18 by the players, he was known for his ability to ease suffering and  
19 treat injuries quickly; and

20           WHEREAS, Dr. Smith made significant contributions to his  
21 adopted hometown in other capacities as well; a valued member of the  
22 Lions Club, he served on the Frisco ISD School Board for nearly two  
23 decades and was active in preserving community history through the  
24 Heritage Association of Frisco, which he co-founded and served as

1 president; and

2 WHEREAS, In addition, this esteemed Texan helped to bring the  
3 first major industry to town when he convinced the Gould battery  
4 recycling plant to locate in Frisco and arranged for the Frisco  
5 Railroad to donate the land on which the business would be built;  
6 and

7 WHEREAS, Dr. Pink's efforts in behalf of the city were lauded  
8 by his fellow citizens, who named an elementary school and a sports  
9 field in his honor; moreover, in 2004, he and his beloved wife,  
10 Elisabeth, earned the title of Living Legends from the Collin  
11 County Community College District Board of Trustees; and

12 WHEREAS, Few individuals have had such a profound and lasting  
13 impact on their communities as Dr. Pink, and although he will be  
14 greatly missed, those who were privileged to know this  
15 compassionate, generous man will forever carry his memory close in  
16 their hearts; now, therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas  
18 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the life of  
19 Dr. Erwin G. Pink and extend deepest sympathy to the members of his  
20 family: to his wife, Elisabeth Rue Pink; to his children, Susanne  
21 Cornelius, Janet Prejean, Mary Escobedo, and Philip Pink; to his  
22 seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild; and to his other  
23 relatives and many friends; and, be it further

24 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
25 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
26 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Dr. Erwin  
27 Pink.