

By: Homer

H.C.R. No. 177

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The passing of Dr. John Larry Walker on October 6,  
2 2004, at the age of 64, brought a great loss to all those who knew  
3 and loved this esteemed Paris physician; and

4 WHEREAS, Born on February 14, 1940, in Blossom, Dr. Walker  
5 was Blossom High School valedictorian and earned a basketball  
6 scholarship to Tyler Junior College, where he was a member of the  
7 Phi Theta Kappa honor society and received the Watson Wise trophy  
8 for distinguished service; he went on to graduate cum laude from  
9 Austin College and then attended The University of Texas  
10 Southwestern Medical School in Dallas, graduating in 1966 and  
11 earning the Alumni Association Scholarship award; and

12 WHEREAS, He served this nation as a captain in the U.S. Air  
13 Force at Kelly Air Force Base, San Antonio, and with a Red Horse  
14 engineering unit in Thailand during the Vietnam War; and

15 WHEREAS, In 1969, he began his medical practice in Paris and  
16 became one of the city's most distinguished physicians over the  
17 course of his nearly 40 years of service as a practitioner of  
18 general medicine and as chief of staff at St. Joseph's Hospital; and

19 WHEREAS, A dynamic presence in the medical field, Dr. Walker  
20 demonstrated outstanding leadership and judgment as president of  
21 the Lamar-Delta Medical Society and as a delegate to the Texas  
22 Medical Association; in addition, he maintained membership in the  
23 Paris Family Physicians group and was certified by the American  
24 Board of Family Practice; and

1           WHEREAS, Dr. Walker also devoted his time and energy to a  
2   number of worthy civic organizations, serving on the founding  
3   boards of Lamar County Young Life, the Paris Education Foundation,  
4   and the Lamar National Bank and as director of the Lamar County  
5   Chamber of Commerce, as a member of the Rotary Club, and as a  
6   volunteer physician at Agape House; and

7           WHEREAS, He was a valued congregant at the First United  
8   Methodist Church, where he taught Sunday school classes, served on  
9   the administrative board and the finance committee, and was a  
10   member of the Methodist Men and the chancel choir; and

11          WHEREAS, Dr. Walker was a man of compassion and  
12   understanding; although his warmth and wisdom are gone from us now,  
13   his remarkable spirit will surely live on in the hearts of the many  
14   people whose lives he touched during his time on this earth; now,  
15   therefore, be it

16          RESOLVED, That the 79th Legislature of the State of Texas  
17   hereby honor the life of Dr. John Larry Walker and extend deepest  
18   sympathy to the members of his family: to his wife of more than four  
19   decades, Ginna Walker; to his daughters, Callie Walker Thompson and  
20   her husband, Bobby, and Jennifer Walker McDonald and her husband,  
21   Don; to his son, Steve Walker and his wife, Christie; to his  
22   grandchildren, Matt and Lauren Thompson and Sarah Kathryn and  
23   Elizabeth Walker; to his mother, Allene Walker; to his brothers,  
24   Mike Walker and his wife, Marty, and Tim Walker and his wife, Karen;  
25   and to the many other friends and relatives of this beloved  
26   gentleman; and, be it further

27          RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be

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1 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
2 Representatives and Senate adjourn this day, they do so in memory of  
3 Dr. John Larry Walker.