

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The citizens of Sulphur Springs lost a distinguished
2 civic leader and a valued friend with the passing of Billy T. Burney
3 on March 26, 2003; and

4 WHEREAS, A former Sulphur Springs mayor and city council
5 member, Mr. Burney was truly dedicated to the close-knit community
6 that he was proud to call home; especially devoted to the needs of
7 children, he was an ardent supporter of the Sulphur Springs Public
8 Library and Coleman Park and was posthumously honored with the
9 dedication of the park's upper lake as the B. T. (Bill) Burney
10 Fishing Hole; and

11 WHEREAS, Together with his wife, Jackie, Mr. Burney raised
12 his children to believe that all had a voice in family matters; to
13 that end, when the couple were contemplating establishing their own
14 business in 1981, he called a family meeting to discuss with his
15 loved ones whether he should leave his job of 26 years to embark on
16 this new venture, and everyone got a vote in the decision; this
17 remarkable role model placed a high value on education as well and
18 returned to school and earned his college degree long after
19 graduating from high school; and

20 WHEREAS, In all aspects of his life, Billy Burney set an
21 inspiring example of leadership and commitment to others; though he
22 is deeply missed by all who were privileged to know him, his memory
23 will long endure through the lasting legacy of achievement he has
24 left behind; now, therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, That the 79th Legislature of the State of Texas
2 hereby pay tribute to the life of Billy T. Burney and extend deepest
3 sympathy to the members of his family: to his children, Bryan Burney
4 and his wife, Sharon, Dr. Terri Burney Davis, and Suzy Burney Rost
5 and her husband, Tom; to his grandchildren, Kyle, Zach, and Alex
6 Burney and Jacob and Sarah Rost; and to his other relatives and many
7 friends; and, be it further

8 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
9 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
10 Representatives and Senate adjourn this day, they do so in memory of
11 Billy T. Burney.

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President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 226 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on May 27, 2005.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 226 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the Senate on May 29, 2005.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor