

By: Homer

H.C.R. No. 226

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.