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H.R. No. 93

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Shelton E. Padgett of San Antonio, whose illustrious
2 career embraced many achievements in law and public service, passed
3 away on July 31, 2004, at the age of 56; and

4 WHEREAS, Born on June 9, 1948, Mr. Padgett was a native of San
5 Marcos; he earned a bachelor of science degree from Southwest Texas
6 State University and later received a law degree summa cum laude
7 from St. Mary's University; his legal ability then won him a
8 clerkship with the Texas Supreme Court, a position he held for three
9 years before entering the practice of law in the Alamo City; and

10 WHEREAS, Held in the highest regard by his professional
11 peers, Mr. Padgett was board certified as a labor and employment law
12 specialist and was himself a former chair of the Labor Law Advisory
13 Commission, which issues such certifications for the Texas Board of
14 Legal Specialization; he was a fellow of the San Antonio and Texas
15 Bar Foundations and at the time of his passing was the head of the
16 labor and employment law section for the San Antonio office of Akin,
17 Gump, Strauss, Hauer & Feld; and

18 WHEREAS, Mr. Padgett gained further prominence through his
19 involvement in municipal government; he was the current chair of
20 the board of the VIA Transit System and a director of the Austin-San
21 Antonio Intermunicipal Commuter Rail District and San Antonio
22 Mobility Coalition; in addition, he served as a board member of the
23 San Antonio Manufacturers Association, Lutheran General Hospital,
24 Texas Lyceum, and North San Antonio Chamber of Commerce; and

1 WHEREAS, Through the years, this esteemed Texan gave critical
2 support to a number of political figures, at all levels of
3 government, who credit his advice and counsel as an essential
4 factor in their electoral success; and

5 WHEREAS, Staunchly loyal to his undergraduate alma mater,
6 Mr. Padgett served as president of the Alumni Association and as
7 trustee of the SWTSU Development Foundation; he was named a
8 distinguished alumnus in 2002, and he was instrumental in the
9 passage of legislation the following year that changed the name of
10 the school to Texas State University--San Marcos; and

11 WHEREAS, A gentleman of exceptional attainments who more than
12 fulfilled the demanding responsibilities of his myriad leadership
13 roles, Shelton Padgett was also a devoted husband and father and a
14 true friend to many; his presence will be deeply missed by all who
15 were privileged to know him; now, therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
17 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Shelton E. Padgett and
18 extend deepest sympathy to the members of his family: to his wife,
19 Marie Padgett; to his son, Shelton Edward Padgett, Jr., and his
20 daughter, Daniela Padgett; to his sisters, Sharon Johnson and
21 Virginia Montgomery; to his uncle and aunt, Carl and A. J. Dobie;
22 and to his other relatives and many friends; and, be it further

23 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
24 prepared for the members of his family and that when the Texas House
25 of Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Shelton
26 E. Padgett.