

By: Pena

H.R. No. 181

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Memories of a life filled with joyful times and
2 meaningful accomplishments may console the family and friends of
3 Brinkley Loy Oxford of McAllen, who died on July 26, 2004, at the
4 age of 57; and

5 WHEREAS, Born in Edinburg on August 15, 1946, Mr. Oxford
6 graduated from Texas Tech University and served with the U.S. Army
7 before earning a master's degree from Texas A&I University in 1971;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, This national debate champion began his career as an
10 educator, teaching in Edinburg, Weslaco, and Lubbock public
11 schools, and at Houston Community College; he returned to school to
12 study law at Bates College of Law and the University of Houston and
13 received his license to practice in 1975; and

14 WHEREAS, That same year, Mr. Oxford re-established his
15 father's law firm, Oxford & Oxford, in Edinburg and began a
16 distinguished career that would earn him the lasting respect of his
17 clients and colleagues; a champion of the disenfranchised, he
18 became known throughout his community for his pro bono work and was
19 recognized by his peers as a skilled communicator and formidable
20 opponent in the courtroom; and

21 WHEREAS, Admitted to practice law before the U.S. Supreme
22 Court, the U.S. Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit, and the U.S.
23 District Court and Southern District of Texas, Mr. Oxford was a
24 member of a host of organizations, including the American Bar

1 Association, the National School Board Attorneys Association, and
2 the Hidalgo County Appraisal District; he also served as the city
3 and school attorney for many area communities and was instrumental
4 in the incorporation of the city of Granjeno and his hometown,
5 Alton; he was a history buff and political enthusiast and was active
6 in the Democratic Party; a man of diverse interests, he also greatly
7 enjoyed sports and gardening; and

8 WHEREAS, Those fortunate enough to have known Brinkley Oxford
9 will remember his love of family and community, his admiration for
10 the law, and his delightful sense of humor; although he will be
11 greatly missed, he leaves behind a legacy of good works that will
12 continue to make a positive difference in the lives of innumerable
13 Hidalgo County citizens for years to come; and

14 WHEREAS, Representative Aaron Pena has justly honored
15 Brinkley Loy Oxford by passing this resolution in his memory during
16 the Regular Session of the 79th Texas Legislature; now, therefore,
17 be it

18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
19 Legislature hereby pay special tribute to the life of Brinkley Loy
20 Oxford and extend deepest sympathy to the members of his family: to
21 his wife, Sylvia Carolina Cerda Oxford; to his children, Ryder,
22 Grayson, and Austin Oxford, and Anita, Richard, and America Flores;
23 to his sister, Yolanda Oxford King and her husband, Ron; to his
24 brother, P. D. Oxford; to his in-laws, Mr. and Mrs. Benigno Cerda,
25 Jr.; to his former wife, Karen Dill Oxford; and to his other
26 relatives and many friends; and, be it further

27 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be

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1 prepared for the members of his family and that when the Texas House
2 of Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Brinkley
3 Loy Oxford.