

By: Frost

H.R. No. 472

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The passing of Robert Lee Waller of De Kalb on
2 February 10, 2004, at the age of 72, has brought a great sense of
3 loss to the family and friends of this esteemed gentleman; and

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Waller was born on May 21, 1931, in Coleman
5 Springs, Red River County, and throughout his life he remained
6 proud of his rural Texas upbringing; as a young man, he served with
7 the U.S. Army in the Korean War; and

8 WHEREAS, A widely respected member of his community, Mr.
9 Waller dedicated nearly three and a half decades to the youth of
10 Bowie County--17 years as a teacher, co-op counselor, and ESEA
11 coordinator, and another 17 years as a school superintendent;
12 throughout his career, he brought to his work seasoned judgment,
13 skilled leadership, and the highest professional standards; and

14 WHEREAS, Bob Waller helped to organize the West Bowie County
15 Retired Teachers Association and served as the first president of
16 that organization; he also maintained close ties with a number of
17 former school administrators in the area, a group known fondly and
18 informally as "the Turkeys"; and

19 WHEREAS, Congregants of First United Methodist Church knew
20 Mr. Waller as a man of profound faith who gave unstintingly of his
21 time to church boards and committees and who served for many years
22 as the church treasurer; and

23 WHEREAS, The devoted husband of the former Opal Baird, Mr.
24 Waller took great joy and pride in his family; his affection, if

1 expressed quietly, was nonetheless real and strong, as evidenced by
2 his careful labeling and filing of some 30 years' worth of family
3 photos and his genial, frequent hosting of extended family
4 reunions; and

5 WHEREAS, Gregarious by nature, he delighted in gatherings of
6 all sorts, and his keen sense of humor infused many an occasion with
7 warmth and good cheer; and

8 WHEREAS, Robert Lee Waller lived a full and productive life,
9 and although he will be deeply missed, his memory will long be
10 cherished by those who were privileged to share in his love and
11 friendship; now, therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
13 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Robert Lee Waller and
14 extend sincere sympathy to the members of his family: to his wife
15 of 51 years, Opal Baird Waller; to his daughter, Ellen Coleman and
16 her husband, Paul; to his sons, Scott Waller and his wife, Jill, and
17 Rob Waller and his wife, Karen; to his grandsons, Kyle, Clint, and
18 Frank Coleman and Aaron, Travis, and Robert Waller; and to his other
19 relatives and many friends; and, be it further

20 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
21 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
22 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Robert Lee
23 Waller.