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H.R. No. 1115

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The passing of Dr. H. M. Burgess on March 29, 2005,
2 at the age of 82, has brought a profound loss to the Denton County
3 community that he faithfully served for so many years; and

4 WHEREAS, Born on January 3, 1923, in Montreal, Quebec, Dr.
5 Burgess attended college and went on to serve as a lieutenant in the
6 Royal Canadian Navy; and

7 WHEREAS, After his naval service, he earned a fellowship with
8 the prestigious Mayo Clinic, where he was trained in surgery; he and
9 his wife, Norma, were married for more than five decades and were
10 blessed with three children and eight cherished grandchildren; and

11 WHEREAS, This esteemed physician first arrived in Denton
12 County in 1951, lured by the gracious and welcoming nature of area
13 residents, or by a mouth-watering steak-and-egg breakfast, as he
14 liked to say; and

15 WHEREAS, Dr. Burgess brought the first surgical practice to
16 the community and established the much-needed Medical Center of
17 Lewisville and Presbyterian Hospital of Denton; deeply committed to
18 the public health and welfare of his neighbors, he provided expert
19 medical services for generations of Denton County citizens; and

20 WHEREAS, Those who had the privilege of knowing Tim Burgess
21 will never forget the gentleness, compassion, and calm
22 professionalism that this talented surgeon brought to every facet
23 of his life; although his presence is gone from us now, his work
24 will endure for years to come, and his memory will live on in the

1 hearts of the countless Texans whose lives he touched during his
2 time on this earth; now, therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
4 Legislature hereby honor the life of Dr. H. M. Burgess and extend
5 deepest sympathy to the members of his family: to his sons, Michael
6 Burgess and his wife, Laura, and Richard Burgess and his wife, Reba;
7 to his daughter, Terry Widmer and her husband, Robert; to his
8 grandchildren, Nick, Meredith, Christine, Jessica, and Michael
9 Burgess and Jay, Jocelyn, and Jimmy Widmer; and to his other
10 relatives and many friends; and, be it further

11 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
12 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
13 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Dr. H. M.
14 Burgess.