

By: Gonzales

H.R. No. 1403

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Family and friends deeply mourn the passing of
2 Jeffry Forrest Fitch, who died on April 16, 2005, at the age of 54,
3 and seek to still the pain of loss by remembering his strength,
4 courage, and love; and

5 WHEREAS, Born in St. Louis, Missouri, Mr. Fitch graduated
6 from McAllen High School in 1968 before attending Austin College in
7 Sherman and then The University of Texas at Austin, where he
8 graduated cum laude with a bachelor of arts degree in 1972; he also
9 earned a degree from the Southwestern Graduate School of Banking in
10 1979; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Fitch was president and chief executive officer
12 of McAllen National Bank, and he made significant contributions to
13 his community through an active involvement in the Hidalgo County
14 Emergency Services, which he served as chairman of the board of
15 commissioners, and the Rio Grande Regional Hospital in McAllen,
16 where he was a trustee and past chairman; moreover, he generously
17 shared his time, energy, and expertise with the Texas Easter Seal
18 Society, Hidalgo Easter Seal Society, Operations Council of the
19 Texas Bankers Association, Alamo Chamber of Commerce, University of
20 Texas Ex-Students Association of Hidalgo County, Hidalgo County
21 United Way Campaign, Alamo Lions Club, and McAllen South Rotary
22 Club; this Eagle Scout was also active with the Rio Grande Council
23 of the Boy Scouts of America; and

24 WHEREAS, A congregant of St. Mark United Methodist Church,

1 Mr. Fitch was a valued member of his community who worked tirelessly
2 toward the betterment of the lives of his fellow Texans, and he
3 will not soon be forgotten; now, therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
5 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Jeffry Forrest Fitch
6 and extend sincere sympathy to the members of his family: to his
7 wife, Debbie Fitch; to his sons, Justin Fitch and Phillip Fitch; to
8 his daughters, Heather Smith and her husband, Todd, and Melissa
9 Frase; to his parents, Dr. and Mrs. Forrest Fitch; to his
10 grandchildren, Madison and Taylor Smith; to his brother, Tim Fitch
11 and his wife, Debbie; to his sisters, Katy Marshall and her husband,
12 Mike, and Cindy Alvarez and her husband, Fred; to his
13 parents-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. George Hinkle; and to his other
14 relatives and many friends; and, be it further

15 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
16 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
17 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Jeffry
18 Forrest Fitch.