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H.R. No. 1600

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 comfort the family and many friends
3 of Robert Layton Simmons, Jr., of Dallas, who passed away on April
4 23, 2005, at the age of 58; and

5 WHEREAS, Born in Amarillo on April 11, 1947, Mr. Simmons was a
6 talented athlete and an invaluable member of the Amarillo High
7 School football team; following his 1966 graduation, he enrolled at
8 Texas Tech University and earned a bachelor's degree in
9 international business in 1970; and

10 WHEREAS, This dynamic Texan began his career as a marketing
11 executive for two start-up companies, and in 1977 he joined Dr. Bill
12 Bright's Campus Crusade for Christ, working as a fund-raiser for
13 the organization's evangelistic film, *Jesus*; he later moved to
14 Dallas, where he used his exceptional marketing skills to benefit a
15 number of businesses in the health care, retail, and oil and gas
16 industries before becoming a founding partner in the merchant
17 banking firm of Trinity River Capital Ventures; and

18 WHEREAS, A civic-minded individual, Mr. Simmons gave
19 generously of his time and talents to community endeavors,
20 including the Father of the Year Awards luncheon and Wipe Out Kids'
21 Cancer; and

22 WHEREAS, First and foremost, Mr. Simmons was a man of deep
23 faith and spiritual devotion and a valued member of Park Cities
24 Presbyterian Church and numerous ministries; and

1 WHEREAS, Beloved husband, father, and son, Bob Simmons will
2 long be remembered for his love of his family, his church, and his
3 community; although he will be greatly missed, his legacy will live
4 on in the hearts of those whose lives he so richly blessed with his
5 kindness and strength; now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
7 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Robert Layton
8 Simmons, Jr., and extend deepest sympathy to the members of his
9 family: to his wife, Cindy Simmons; to his son, William Simmons; to
10 his parents, Pauline and R. L. (Bill) Simmons; to his sister, Katina
11 Simmons; to his mother-in-law and father-in-law, Toni and Norman
12 Brinker; and to his other relatives and friends; and, be it further

13 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
14 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
15 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Robert
16 Layton Simmons, Jr.