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H.R. No. 1718

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 friends of
3 Jerry L. Carswell, who passed away on January 22, 2004, at the age
4 of 61; and

5 WHEREAS, Born in Gatesville on January 4, 1943, Mr. Carswell
6 attended Granbury High School and was a star athlete on the school's
7 football, basketball, and track teams; he continued his education
8 at Tarleton State College, where he excelled as a member of the
9 track team, served as vice president of his senior class, and earned
10 his bachelor's degree in social studies; he later returned to
11 Tarleton to earn a master's degree in education; and

12 WHEREAS, Following his undergraduate studies, he enlisted in
13 the U.S. Army and served as one of the soldiers who guard the Tomb of
14 the Unknown Soldier before volunteering for a tour of duty in
15 Vietnam; and

16 WHEREAS, An outstanding educator and mentor, he was track
17 coach at La Porte and Katy High Schools before going to Langham
18 Creek High School, where he served as head boys' track coach from
19 1988 to 1998; many of his athletes earned honors at the district,
20 regional, state, and national levels, including a state
21 championship in 1997, and in 1998, he was named Track Coach of the
22 Year by the Texas High School Coaches Association; in all of his
23 endeavors, he remained passionate about helping his students reach
24 their full potential, leaving an indelible mark on the lives of

1 countless young Texans; and

2 WHEREAS, Beloved husband, father, and grandfather, Jerry
3 Carswell will be greatly missed, but his memory will live on in the
4 hearts of those whose lives he so richly blessed with his generosity
5 and friendship; now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
7 Legislature hereby pay special tribute to the life of Jerry L.
8 Carswell and extend deepest sympathy to the members of his family:
9 to his wife, Linda Gail Stamps Carswell; to his sons, Jordan Daniel
10 Carswell and his wife, Shari, and Robert Justin Carswell and his
11 wife, Mandy; to his grandchildren, Kaitlyn, Kourtney, Evie, Jack,
12 and John Lyndon; and to his other relatives and many friends; and,
13 be it further

14 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
15 prepared for the members of his family and that when the Texas House
16 of Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Jerry L.
17 Carswell.