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H.R. No. 1817

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, With the passing of Dr. Gordon Spillman Yeargan,
2 Jr., on April 29, 2005, at the age of 78, the Gainesville community
3 lost a beloved friend and advocate for animals; and

4 WHEREAS, A native Texan, Dr. Yeargan was born on September
5 27, 1926, in Dallas, where he spent many hours admiring nature while
6 hiking and riding in the open and wooded areas of his neighborhood;
7 as a teenager, he earned the Eagle Scout insignia and spent time
8 working on a West Texas ranch; and

9 WHEREAS, Dr. Yeargan married Dollye Jane Ramsey in 1955 and,
10 following his service with the U.S. Navy and graduation from Texas
11 A&M University, the couple moved to Gainesville to raise their
12 children; and

13 WHEREAS, After five years in partnership with Dr. C. J.
14 Paclik, Dr. Yeargan opened The Refinery Road Veterinary Clinic,
15 through which he lovingly cared for the pets and animals of Cooke
16 County residents; his professional contributions to his colleagues
17 and the public included service with the Texas State Board of
18 Veterinary Medical Examiners, teaching animal health classes at
19 North Central Texas College, and generously providing low-cost
20 shots and flea dips; and

21 WHEREAS, Highly regarded by his fellow residents, he
22 volunteered his time and energy in behalf of others, for Dr. Yeargan
23 served the Gainesville Memorial Hospital Board of Directors as
24 president, was a deacon of the First Baptist Church, and deeply

1 cared for the boys of Fish Creek Ranch, organizing an annual trail
2 ride for their benefit; he was also a horse rancher who enjoyed
3 riding and training the animals at his Flying Y Ranch; and

4 WHEREAS, Gordon Yeargan was truly a blessing in the lives of
5 many people and animals, and he will long be remembered for his
6 dedication and kindness; now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
8 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Dr. Gordon Spillman
9 Yeargan, Jr., and extend sincere sympathy to the members of his
10 family: to his wife of nearly 55 years, Dollye Jane Yeargan; to his
11 children and their spouses, Tricia and David Scott, Jim and Sherry
12 Yeargan, Jay and Laura Roberts, and John and Maria Yeargan; to his
13 grandchildren; and to all who mourn the passing of this beloved
14 gentleman; 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 Dr. Gordon
18 Spillman Yeargan, Jr.