

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Dr. Charles B. Runnels, a great Texan, has  
2 distinguished himself in the fields of higher education and  
3 business; and

4           WHEREAS, He was born near Nacogdoches, Texas, and received  
5 his bachelor of science degree from Stephen F. Austin University,  
6 where he was named the Alumnus of the Year by that splendid  
7 institution; and

8           WHEREAS, He completed a law degree at the University of  
9 Houston in 1956 after serving four years as a pilot in the United  
10 States Navy; and

11           WHEREAS, He was a successful businessman as an official with  
12 Tenneco, Inc., in Houston, Texas, before he joined the  
13 administration of Pepperdine University in 1967; and

14           WHEREAS, He was named chancellor of Pepperdine University on  
15 January 1, 1985, after serving as vice chancellor from 1971 until  
16 that time; and

17           WHEREAS, Dr. Runnels established the Youth Citizenship  
18 Seminar in 1977 whereby approximately 250 high school junior  
19 students from throughout the nation participate in a program on the  
20 Pepperdine University campus to interact with leaders such as  
21 George Foreman, Art Linkletter, Tommy Lasorda, Tom Selleck, leading  
22 public officials, and various citizen heroes to discuss good  
23 citizenship, free enterprise, freedom, and faith; and

24           WHEREAS, He coordinated the \$100 million Wave of Excellence

1 campaign for the School of Law at the university and then  
2 successfully led a \$300 million campaign for Pepperdine thereafter;  
3 and

4 WHEREAS, He is a member of the Pepperdine University Board of  
5 Regents and maintains a very dedicated life of service in numerous  
6 professional and civic organizations; and

7 WHEREAS, He and his lovely wife, Amy Jo, have three grown  
8 children, Duke, Tyler, and Susan, and six grandchildren; and

9 WHEREAS, The Raleigh Runnels Memorial Swim Pool at Pepperdine  
10 University is named after a fourth child who died before his entry  
11 into Seaver College at Pepperdine; and

12 WHEREAS, He has been recognized a leader in the Church of  
13 Christ and served as a church elder; and

14 WHEREAS, This unique gentleman has walked with kings and  
15 queens but has always kept the common touch, a love for students,  
16 and a servant heart for those who need to be uplifted; now,  
17 therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas  
19 Legislature pay tribute to the accomplishments of a true Texan, Dr.  
20 Charles Runnels, in his work in Texas and at Pepperdine University  
21 in Malibu, California; and, be it further

22 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
23 prepared for Dr. Runnels and his family as an expression of high  
24 regard by the Texas House of Representatives.

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H.R. No. 1835

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1835 was adopted by the House on May 26, 2005, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House