

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 88

In Memory
of
Dr. Karl R. Brinker

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas joins the citizens of Dallas in mourning the loss of Dr. Karl R. Brinker, who died January 22, 2005, at the age of 58; and

WHEREAS, Karl R. Brinker was born on August 10, 1946, in Mount Pleasant, Michigan, and grew up in Calgary, Alberta; he graduated with distinction from the University of Michigan in 1968 and earned a medical degree from McGill University in Montreal in 1972; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Brinker served as a surgeon in the military with the United States Public Health Service Center for Disease Control in Fort Collins, Colorado, from 1975 to 1977 and completed a fellowship in nephrology at The University of Texas Health Science Center in Dallas; and

WHEREAS, He was a clinical associate professor with The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center for over 20 years, and he held numerous positions with the Methodist Dallas Medical System; Dr. Brinker was also a medical staff physician and director of dialysis with Dallas Nephrology Associates; and

WHEREAS, A highly valued and respected nephrologist, Dr. Brinker was renowned in the medical community for his experience and expertise in organ transplants; he helped develop guidelines for organ donor requirements and was a founding member of the Texas Transplant Society; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Brinker accomplished a great deal during his lifetime, and his loss at such an early age is a tragedy for his family, his colleagues, and the medical profession; he will long be remembered for his visionary leadership and service in the field of nephrology and organ transplantation; and

WHEREAS, An empathetic caregiver whose serious nature was leavened with a warm sense of humor, Karl Brinker enjoyed dry fly-fishing in Montana, watching hockey games, and coaching youth baseball; he was a devoted husband and father, and he leaves behind memories that will be treasured forever by his family and many friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 79th Legislature, hereby honor and commemorate the life of Dr. Karl R. Brinker and extend sincere condolences to his bereaved family: his wife, Mary Lyne Morris Brinker; his son, Andrew Oberlin Brinker; his daughter, Stephanie Kaye Brinker; and his sister, Linda Kaye Crawford; and, be it further

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RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for his family as an expression of deepest sympathy from the Texas Senate, and that when the Senate adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Dr. Karl R. Brinker.

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Nelson, Shapiro

Member, Texas Senate

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on February 8, 2005, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate