

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 349

In Memory
of
Dr. Clifford Lee

WHEREAS, Family, friends, and colleagues mourn the sudden passing of Dr. Clifford Lee of Jacksonville on December 2, 2004, at the age of 56; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Lee was president of Lon Morris College, the oldest two-year college in Texas, where he was nominated to serve as president by the school's board of trustees in 1994; and

WHEREAS, Born in Liberty, Dr. Lee graduated from Lon Morris and Stephen F. Austin State University, and he earned his master's degree in theology from Southern Methodist University and his doctoral degree from McCormick Theological Seminary in Chicago; he was a United Methodist minister and served churches in Laneville, Kilgore, Mount Pleasant, Texarkana, Longview, and Jasper for 25 years before becoming president of the Jacksonville liberal arts college; and

WHEREAS, A much-admired leader, Dr. Lee contributed immeasurably to the recent positive changes taking place at Lon Morris, and during his presidency, he oversaw an expanding enrollment and numerous construction projects, including a new welcome center, the Arthur and Evie Jo Wilson Administration Building, the expansion of the college library, and the opening of the Floyd Addington Fitness Center; moreover, he secured a \$1 million commitment to build a new student center; and

WHEREAS, An active member of his community, he worked in behalf of countless civic organizations, including the Jacksonville Economic Development Corporation, Trinity Mother Frances Hospital, and a number of area chambers of commerce and United Way branches; he shared his expertise with numerous professional associations, such as the boards of the Independent Colleges and Universities of Texas and the National Association of Private Two-Year Colleges; he also received many honors, including the Howard Grimes Award for Excellence in Christian Education and the 1993 Citizen of the Year Award from the Jasper Chamber of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, A loving father, husband, and friend, Clifford Lee will be deeply missed but his tireless devotion to the Lon Morris community and the legacy of accomplishments that he leaves behind will not soon be forgotten; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 79th Legislature, hereby pay special tribute to Dr. Clifford Lee and extend deepest sympathy to his family: his wife of 34 years, Nancy; to his daughter, Carrie Lee; his son and daughter-in-law, Craig and Terra Lee; his mother, Sarah Lee; his sister, Marilyn Robinson; his brother, Mike Lee; and to the other

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relatives and friends of this esteemed gentleman; and,
be it further

RESOLVED, That an official copy of this Resolution be prepared for his family and that when the Texas Senate adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Clifford Lee.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 9, 2005, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate