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H.R. No. 884

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Dr. James David Gossett of Rankin died on August 2,
2 2006, leaving a legacy of service to others that will continue to
3 benefit countless Texans for years to come; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in Garza County on September 16, 1924, Dr.
5 Gossett grew up on his family farm during the Great Depression,
6 knowing from a young age that he wanted to be a doctor; he served in
7 the U.S. Army medical corps during World War II and graduated from
8 The University of Texas Medical Branch in 1948; and

9 WHEREAS, This notable Texan opened the Gossett Clinic in
10 Rankin in 1952, and over the next 44 years, he earned a reputation
11 for dedication to his patients and to their health and well-being;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, Dr. Gossett was also a trusted community leader who
14 gave generously of his time and talents to a number of
15 organizations; he was a member of the Lions Club and the Red Devil
16 Booster Club and was the football team's physician for more than
17 four decades; he was chairman of the Republican Party of Upton
18 County, and he was a 30-year member of the board of trustees of
19 Rankin ISD, serving as its president for 20 years; his many
20 contributions to the district were recognized when a new elementary
21 school was named in his honor in the mid-1990s; and

22 WHEREAS, This beloved husband, father, and grandfather built
23 a life that was rich in family, friends, and achievements; while he
24 is deeply missed, he will always be remembered with the greatest

1 respect and admiration; now, therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
3 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Dr. James David
4 Gossett and extend sincere sympathy to the members of his family: to
5 his wife and the love of his life, Pauline B. Gossett; to his
6 children, Anne Hamilton and her husband, Dan, the Honorable Tom
7 Gossett and his wife, Linda, Bryan Gossett and his wife, Nancy,
8 Kitty Sue Proctor and her husband, Ray, Linda Ann Tucker, and Jamie
9 Dee Senter and her husband, Dr. Paul Senter; to his 15 grandchildren
10 and four great-grandchildren; to his brother, Ralph Gossett; and to
11 his other relatives and many friends; and, be it further

12 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
13 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
14 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Dr. James
15 David Gossett.