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H.R. No. 984

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The passing of respected educator and administrator
2 Robert Plummer of Hurst on March 1, 2007, at the age of 75, has left
3 a void in the lives of his family members and many friends; and

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Plummer dedicated 27 years of his life to
5 serving as an administrator with the Fort Worth Independent School
6 District; he was a principal for 20 years and coordinator for
7 magnets/Montessori for three; his career as an educator included
8 teaching positions at the University of North Texas and Texas
9 Wesleyan University, a summer deanship at the University of London
10 in England, and employment with two California unified school
11 districts; after retiring in 1997, this dynamic Texan worked as
12 vice principal each Wednesday for two years at his alma mater, Amon
13 Carter-Riverside High School, which honored him as a distinguished
14 graduate; and

15 WHEREAS, A tireless civic leader who was named Citizen of the
16 Year for Leadership by the city of Hurst, Mr. Plummer enjoyed
17 affiliations and served in leadership roles with myriad
18 organizations, including the American Heart Association, for which
19 he had served as chairman of the board, the West Covina Jaycees, Phi
20 Delta Kappa, Kappa Delta Pi Alumni, Kiwanis International and
21 Kiwanis Club of Fort Worth-Southwest, the Breakfast Optimist Club
22 and the Cowtown Optimist Club, the Hurst-Eules-Bedford Rotary
23 Club, and the Fort Worth Retired School Employees Association,
24 among others; and

1 WHEREAS, Mr. Plummer received numerous accolades over the
2 course of his life, including recognition as Jaycee of the Year,
3 Kiwanian of the Year, Optimist of the Year, American Heart
4 Association Board Member of the Year, Rotarian of the Year, and Fort
5 Worth ISD Administrator of the Year; a Rotary International Paul
6 Harris Fellow, he was the recipient of the Rotary HEB Outstanding
7 Volunteer Award, the Phi Delta Kappa Service Key and Weldon Lucas
8 Award, and the Outstanding Young Educator Award; and

9 WHEREAS, He was a Korean War veteran and officer in the U.S.
10 Air Force Reserve; he practiced his faith as a congregant at St.
11 Luke United Methodist Church, where he sat on numerous church
12 boards and served as president of the Upper Room for four years, and
13 was a charter member of the Scottish Rite, a member of the Masonic
14 Lodge, and a York Rite Mason; and

15 WHEREAS, A committed scholar, Mr. Plummer was awarded 30
16 scholarships and fellowships, and in addition to his professional
17 responsibilities and volunteer work, he made time to donate 441
18 pints of blood; and

19 WHEREAS, Robert Plummer was a man of generosity, compassion,
20 and integrity whose contributions to his community had a profound
21 and positive impact on those around him, and although his loss is
22 difficult to bear, his legacy of achievement and success ensures
23 that he will not soon be forgotten; now, therefore, be it

24 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
25 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Robert Plummer and
26 extend deepest sympathy to the members of his family: to his wife,
27 Mary Beth Plummer; to his sons and daughters-in-law, David and

1 Margaret Plummer and Steve and Aimee Plummer; to his stepchildren
2 and their spouses, Laurie Massengale and her husband, John, Bonnie
3 Misenheimer and her husband, Randy, and Dr. Rob Jones and his wife,
4 Stephanie; to his grandchildren, Megan, Carson, Katherine, Blake,
5 Tyler, Mallory, Ashley, Alicia, Chase, Jesse, Paige, and Nicholas;
6 and to his other relatives and friends; and, be it further

7 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
8 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
9 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Robert
10 Plummer.