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H.R. No. 1273

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Residents of Elgin lost an esteemed local  
2 businessman and civic leader with the death of Dr. W. H. Cardwell on  
3 February 25, 2007; and

4           WHEREAS, Born in the town of Salty in Milam County on May 10,  
5 1926, Dr. Cardwell served his country in the United States Navy and  
6 went on to attend the Texas A&M University College of Veterinary  
7 Medicine; after graduating in 1951, he moved to Elgin, where he  
8 established the first animal clinic in the county, Cardwell  
9 Veterinary Hospital, later known as Elgin Veterinary Hospital; he  
10 expanded his business interests in later years, opening Elgin  
11 Breeding Service in 1954; and

12           WHEREAS, Dr. Cardwell was a life member of the American and  
13 Texas Veterinary Medical Associations, the latter of which he  
14 served as president, and he was a gubernatorial appointee to the  
15 Texas State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners, which he also  
16 led as president; moreover, he was commissioned by Governor Dolph  
17 Briscoe to head the creation of the first veterinary practice law  
18 for the State of Texas; and

19           WHEREAS, His dedication to his profession earned Dr. Cardwell  
20 a host of honors; recognized for his expertise by his peers in the  
21 Society for Theriogenology, he was honored with its inaugural NANDI  
22 Award, and he was named the Veterinary Diagnostician of the Year in  
23 2000 by the TVMDL; the TUMA, which had honored him in 1983 as the  
24 recipient of its Outstanding Food Animal Practitioner Award, also

1 bestowed on him its President's Award for his leadership in bovine  
2 reproduction, and in 2001, his alma mater named him an Outstanding  
3 Alumnus of the Texas A&M College of Veterinary Medicine; and

4 WHEREAS, An active congregant of the First United Methodist  
5 Church of Elgin, this esteemed Texan served his fellow congregants  
6 in a number of leadership positions during the course of his 55  
7 years of membership; and

8 WHEREAS, Dr. Cardwell also made significant contributions to  
9 the greater community through his work as a member and president of  
10 the Elgin ISD school board; he had further served his fellow  
11 citizens as president of the Greater Elgin Chamber of Commerce,  
12 president of the local Kiwanis Club, vice president of the board of  
13 directors for Elgin National Bank, and chair of that institution's  
14 loan review committee; and

15 WHEREAS, Dr. Cardwell shared 54 years of marriage with his  
16 wife, Ardeth, and they were blessed with two children, Brenda and  
17 Brad, and five grandchildren; in a tribute to this beloved  
18 patriarch, his family established a scholarship in his honor to  
19 benefit students studying bovine medicine at Texas A&M; and

20 WHEREAS, W. H. Cardwell lived a caring and purposeful life,  
21 and he leaves behind memories that will be forever cherished by his  
22 family and friends; now, therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas  
24 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Dr. W. H. Cardwell and  
25 extend deepest sympathy to the members of his family: to his wife,  
26 Ardeth Cardwell; to his children, Brenda and Brad; to his  
27 daughter-in-law, Marilyn; to his grandchildren, Zack, Hailey, and

1 Hillary Voelker and Cody and Faith Cardwell; to his sister and  
2 brother-in-law, Shirley and Clyde Luetge; to his brother and  
3 sister-in-law, Lyngle and Veronica Cardwell; to his brother-in-law  
4 and sister-in-law, Richard and Lois Worthey; to his father-in-law,  
5 N. P. Worthey; and to his other relatives and friends; and, be it  
6 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 Dr. W. H.  
10 Cardwell.