

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 51

In Memory
of
Dr. James David Gossett
Pauline Beverly Gossett

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas honors and commemorates the lives of Dr. James David Gossett and Pauline Beverly Gossett, who were highly esteemed community leaders in Rankin and Upton County; and

WHEREAS, Dr. James D. Gossett died on August 2, 2006, and Pauline Gossett died on November 6, 2006; they were married for 46 years; and

WHEREAS, James Gossett was born in Garza County on September 16, 1924; he served in the Army during World War II; he earned his medical degree from The University of Texas Medical Branch in 1948 and opened Gossett Clinic in Rankin in 1952; he attended to the medical needs of the citizens of Rankin and McCamey for 44 years and was noted for the high standards he set in caring for his patients; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Gossett was a strong supporter of education in his community; he served for more than 30 years on the board of trustees of the Rankin Independent School District, including 20 years of service as board president; he was a member of the Red Devil Booster Club and served as the football team's physician for 44 years; he was a longtime member of the Lions Club and served as chairman of the Republican Party of Upton County for many years; and

WHEREAS, Pauline Beverly Thompson was born on April 9, 1924, in Marshalltown, Iowa; she earned a degree from Saint Barnabas College of Nursing and worked for many years as an obstetrics nurse in Odessa; she also often assisted her husband in his office practice; and

WHEREAS, A woman of many talents, Pauline Gossett was especially noted for her artistic skills and her culinary expertise; she was instrumental in establishing the Beta Sigma Phi Sorority in Rankin and was named the sorority's Woman of the Year; she was honored by the Upton County Historical Society for her many contributions to the Rankin community; and

WHEREAS, Dr. James Gossett and Pauline Gossett genuinely cared for the welfare and happiness of others and earned the admiration and respect of all who knew them; and

WHEREAS, They were devoted parents and grandparents, and they will long be remembered with affection and appreciation by all who were privileged to share in their lives; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 80th Legislature, hereby pay tribute to the lives of Dr. James David Gossett and Pauline Beverly Gossett and extend sincere condolences to their bereaved family: their children, Anne Hamilton and her husband, Dan; the Honorable Tom Gossett and his wife, Linda; Bryan Gossett and his wife, Nancy; Kitty Sue Proctor and her husband, Ray; Linda Ann Tucker; Jamie Dee Senter and her husband, Dr. Paul Senter; and their 15 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for their 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. James David Gossett and Pauline Beverly Gossett.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on January 24, 2007, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate