

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Residents of Kerrville lost a beloved neighbor and
2 community leader with the death of Dr. Gene Atkinson on October 18,
3 2008, at the age of 83; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in Houston on June 20, 1925, Gene Atkinson was
5 the son of Smith and Nellie Atkinson and enjoyed the companionship
6 of three sisters, Donna, Ruth, and Beverly; he graduated from Milby
7 High School and went on to earn a bachelor's degree in physics from
8 Rice University, followed by master's and doctoral degrees in
9 education from the University of Houston; and

10 WHEREAS, Dr. Atkinson began his notable career in education
11 as an associate dean of instruction and professor of physical
12 science at California State College at Long Beach; returning to his
13 hometown, he joined the faculty of the University of Houston, where
14 he served as associate dean of the College of Education, assistant
15 dean of faculties, and dean of faculties; Dr. Atkinson chaired the
16 college's Department of Administration and Supervision and
17 directed the Center for International Education; a mentor to
18 faculty and students alike, he traveled globally to establish
19 university programs in France, Brazil, and Mexico, and served on
20 various panels that research and accredit university programs
21 throughout Texas; and

22 WHEREAS, After the death of his first wife, Claudene Douglas
23 Atkinson, Gene Atkinson was fortunate to find love a second time; he
24 married Vivian Shaw, and with her enjoyed a fulfilling relationship

1 that was further enriched with the love and affection of their
2 children and grandchildren; and

3 WHEREAS, Dr. Atkinson was a veteran of World War II and the
4 Korean War who retired from the U.S. Naval Reserve with the rank of
5 commander; in retirement, he was elected to several terms as a
6 trustee with the Ingram Independent School District, took an active
7 role at the First United Methodist Church of Kerrville, and devoted
8 some of his leisure time to his interest in amateur radio; and

9 WHEREAS, Gene Atkinson leaves behind a legacy of immense
10 contributions to his community and beyond, and those who were
11 fortunate enough to share in the richness of his life will forever
12 treasure their memories of this esteemed Texan; now, therefore, be
13 it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
15 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Dr. Gene Atkinson and
16 extend sincere sympathy to the members of his family: to his wife,
17 Vivian Shaw Atkinson; to his son, Mark Douglas Atkinson, and his
18 wife, Vicki; to his grandsons, Richard Evans Bowen, Jacob Austin
19 Bowen, Joshua Earl Bowen, and Samuel Douglas Atkinson; to his
20 sisters, Ruth Atkinson Vetter and Beverly Atkinson Booher and her
21 husband, Cletis Booher; to his stepchildren, Glenna Shaw Garcia and
22 her husband, Edmundo, Suzanne Claire Hamilton and her husband,
23 Allen, and Stuart Dunlop Shaw and his wife, Kimi; and to his other
24 relatives and friends; and, be it further

25 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
26 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
27 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Gene

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1 Atkinson.

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Straus	Gattis	Menendez
Allen	Geren	Merritt
Alonzo	Giddings	Miklos
Alvarado	Gonzales	Miller of Comal
Anchia	Gonzalez Toureilles	Miller of Erath
Anderson	Guillen	Moody
Aycock	Gutierrez	Morrison
Berman	Hamilton	Naishtat
Bohac	Hancock	Oliveira
Bolton	Hardcastle	Olivo
Bonnen	Harless	Orr
Branch	Harper-Brown	Ortiz, Jr.
Brown of Kaufman	Hartnett	Otto
Brown of Brazos	Heflin	Parker
Burnam	Hernandez	Patrick
Button	Herrero	Paxton
Callegari	Hilderbran	Peña
Castro	Hochberg	Phillips
Chavez	Hodge	Pickett
Chisum	Homer	Pierson
Christian	Hopson	Pitts
Cohen	Howard of Fort Bend	Quintanilla
Coleman	Howard of Travis	Raymond
Cook	Hughes	Riddle
Corte	Hunter	Rios Ybarra
Crabb	Isett	Ritter
Craddick	Jackson	Rodriguez
Creighton	Jones	Rose
Crownover	Keffer	Sheffield
Darby	Kent	Shelton
Davis of Harris	King of Parker	Smith of Tarrant
Davis of Dallas	King of Taylor	Smith of Harris
Deshotel	King of Zavala	Smithee
Driver	Kleinschmidt	Solomons
Dukes	Kolkhorst	Strama
Dunnam	Kuempel	Swinford
Dutton	Laubenberg	Taylor
Edwards	Legler	Thibaut
Eiland	Leibowitz	Thompson
Eissler	Lewis	Truitt
Elkins	Lucio III	Turner of Tarrant
England	Madden	Turner of Harris
Farabee	Maldonado	Vaught
Farias	Mallory Caraway	Veasey
Farrar	Marquez	Villarreal
Fletcher	Martinez	Vo
Flores	Martinez Fischer	Walle
Flynn	McCall	Weber
Frost	McClendon	Woolley
Gallego	McReynolds	Zerwas

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 40 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on February 26, 2009.

Chief Clerk of the House