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H.R. No. 414

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The family, friends, and colleagues of Michael C.
2 Barrett of Dallas are mourning the loss of this respected attorney
3 and philanthropist who passed away on January 11, 2009, at the age
4 of 64; and

5 WHEREAS, A widely recognized authority on the subject of
6 mortgage banking law, Mr. Barrett founded the firm of Barrett
7 Daffin Frappier Turner & Engel as well as a related company, NDEX
8 Holdings, both of which specialized in mortgage banking, and he was
9 often asked to share his expertise on that subject with lawmakers
10 and court judges; and

11 WHEREAS, Michael Barrett was born in Salt Lake City, Utah,
12 and grew up in Sherman, Texas; he was a free spirit in his youth,
13 spending time in California and Las Vegas, among other locales,
14 before returning to Texas; he enrolled at The University of Texas at
15 Arlington, earning a bachelor's degree in 1974 and a master's degree
16 the following year, and he went on to complete his legal studies at
17 the Dedman School of Law at Southern Methodist University in 1977;
18 and

19 WHEREAS, Opting to remain in Dallas as he began his career as
20 an attorney, Mr. Barrett was a litigation associate at Johnson,
21 Shanklin, Billings, Kelton & Porter and at the law offices of
22 William F. Billings; in 1980, he moved to Riddle & Brown, attaining
23 the position of vice president, director, and chair of the
24 litigation department before launching his own firm a decade later;

1 his stature in the legal community was further reflected in his
2 positions as chairman emeritus of National Default Exchange and as
3 a member of the executive board for the Dedman School of Law; and

4 WHEREAS, This compassionate benefactor was a strong
5 supporter of numerous charitable causes; he was especially
6 enthusiastic about organizations that assisted families and
7 children, including the Hope's Door shelter, Special Olympics,
8 KickStart, and the Dallas Junior Forum, and he founded the BDF
9 Homeworks Foundation to help underwrite local charities; and

10 WHEREAS, Renowned for his astute business insight, Michael
11 Barrett also inspired others with his leadership in promoting
12 worthwhile community initiatives, and he leaves behind a legacy of
13 accomplishment that will resonate for years to come; now,
14 therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
16 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Michael C. Barrett and
17 extend sincere condolences to the members of his family: to his
18 wife, Jacqueline M. Barrett; to his son, Paul A. Barrett; to his
19 sister, Suzanne Glidden; and to his other relatives and friends;
20 and, be it further

21 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
22 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
23 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Michael
24 Barrett.