

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, A full and generous life drew to a close with the  
2 passing of Wendell A. Russell on December 12, 2008, at the age of  
3 81; and

4           WHEREAS, Born in Dallas on December 16, 1926, to Melvin and  
5 Theo Russell, Wendell Russell served Nazarene pastorates in  
6 Childress, Nocona, Perryton, and Killeen before becoming a chaplain  
7 at the Austin State Hospital; in 1971, he moved his family to  
8 Indianapolis and began a long career as a chaplain for the Veterans  
9 Administration medical centers; this service later brought him back  
10 to Texas to minister at the centers in Waco and Marlin; and

11           WHEREAS, Mr. Russell loved his work and took great pleasure  
12 in counseling, preaching, and other areas of ministry; he held  
13 master's degrees in divinity and theology from Nazarene Theological  
14 Seminary and Episcopal Theological Seminary of the Southwest,  
15 respectively, and he had the opportunity to visit the Holy Land in  
16 1995; moreover, he was a member of the American Association of  
17 Pastoral Counselors and a supervisor in the Association for  
18 Clinical Pastoral Education; and

19           WHEREAS, Wendell Russell enriched the lives of countless  
20 people with his commitment to his faith and his passion for  
21 ministry, and memories of his generosity and good humor will  
22 forever hold a treasured place in the hearts of his loved ones; now,  
23 therefore, be it

24           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas

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1 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Chaplain Wendell A.  
2 Russell and extend deepest sympathies to the members of his family:  
3 to his wife of 59 years, Mary Russell; to his children, Sheryl  
4 Knight, Carolyn Morrison, Ruth Wiggam, Steven Russell, and Timothy  
5 Russell; to his 12 grandchildren; to his 3 great-grandchildren; and  
6 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 Wendell  
10 Russell.

Anderson

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. 551 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on February 26, 2009.

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Chief Clerk of the House