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H.R. No. 551

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

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.