

By: Branch

H.R. No. 857

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Family and friends are mourning the loss of Richard
2 M. Hull of Dallas, who passed away on February 20, 2009, at the age
3 of 69; and

4 WHEREAS, A Dallas native, Dick Hull was born on February 8,
5 1940, in the Oak Cliff neighborhood; he excelled in baseball at
6 Jesuit College Preparatory School and earned both his undergraduate
7 and law degrees at Southern Methodist University, where he served
8 as editor of the Southwestern Bar Journal and lettered in baseball;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. Hull's exceptional score on the Texas state bar
11 exam brought an invitation to join the Wall Street law firm of Dewey
12 Ballantine in 1964; his tenure there was interrupted with U.S. Army
13 service in Alaska; returning to his hometown, he joined the law firm
14 of Wynne, Jaffe and Tinsley and in 1977 cofounded Crutcher, Hull,
15 Ramsey and Jordan; a longtime corporate and securities attorney, he
16 counted among his clients the first Texas Rangers baseball players
17 and Lady Bird Johnson; late in his career, he established Hull and
18 Associates, where he worked with entrepreneurs as well as
19 businesses that needed help; moreover, Mr. Hull was known for
20 encouraging many of the city's top lawyers to perform pro bono work
21 for the poor; and

22 WHEREAS, For his work as a founder of the Dallas Bar
23 Association's Volunteer Attorney Program, which has been
24 designated the top such program in the nation by the American Bar

1 Association, Mr. Hull was named a 2004 distinguished alumnus by
2 SMU's Dedman School of Law; he was named Distinguished Alumnus of
3 the Year in 2006 by Jesuit College Preparatory School for his
4 extensive volunteerism as chair of the board of trustees, as
5 president of the president's board of advisors, and as a member of
6 the Jesuit Foundation; and

7 WHEREAS, This esteemed attorney leaves behind an
8 immeasurable legacy of service to his community, and he will be
9 greatly missed by those individuals who were fortunate enough to
10 share in the richness of his life; now, therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
12 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Richard M. Hull and
13 extend deepest condolences to the members of his family: to his
14 wife, Susan Hull; to his children, Rich Hull, Tracey Antrim and her
15 husband, Eric, and Blakely Hull; to his sister, Anna Lemaster; to
16 his brother, Eddie Hull; and to his other relatives and friends;
17 and, be it further

18 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
19 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
20 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Richard
21 Hull.