

By: Sheffield

H.R. No. 887

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The community of Temple and the State of Texas lost a  
2 revered citizen with the passing of Jamie Hager Clements on  
3 February 26, 2009, at the age of 78; and

4 WHEREAS, A native of Crockett, Mr. Clements was born on  
5 December 9, 1930; he graduated as valedictorian from Crockett High  
6 School in 1948, received his bachelor's degree with honors from The  
7 University of Texas in 1952, and completed his law degree at UT in  
8 1955; and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. Clements was still in law school when he sought  
10 and won election to the Texas House of Representatives; he served  
11 three terms, from 1953 to 1957 and again from 1959 to 1960; while a  
12 member of the legislature, he supported civil rights for African  
13 Americans and opposed McCarthyism; and

14 WHEREAS, Following a stint in the U.S. Marine Corps, from  
15 1956 to 1958, Mr. Clements established a law practice in McAllen; he  
16 moved to Temple in 1960 to join the development office of Scott &  
17 White Hospital, and he took charge of the fund drive to build a more  
18 modern facility; in 1962, he was named the hospital's general  
19 counsel, a post he held until 1998; and

20 WHEREAS, During his nearly four decades with Scott & White,  
21 Mr. Clements played an integral role in its development into the  
22 largest multidisciplinary health care system in Texas; his work  
23 paved the way for the creation of the hospital's partnership with  
24 The Texas A&M University College of Medicine, the institution of

1 the Scott & White Health Plan, and the establishment of the  
2 hospital's system of regional clinics; and

3 WHEREAS, At the same time, Mr. Clements became a national  
4 leader in the field of health care law; he served as a professor of  
5 medical jurisprudence and as a cofounder and president of the  
6 American Health Lawyers Association; and

7 WHEREAS, Jamie Clements also devoted untold hours to the city  
8 of Temple, serving on numerous civic and governmental bodies and  
9 holding the office of mayor from 1970 to 1974; he was equally active  
10 at the state level, where his appointments included the  
11 chairmanship of the Texas Board of Public Welfare and membership on  
12 the Texas Board of Mental Health and Mental Retardation; in the  
13 private sector, his seasoned leadership benefited such groups as  
14 the Texas Municipal League and the Presbyterian Children's Home and  
15 Service Agency of Texas; and

16 WHEREAS, Staunchly loyal to his alma mater in deed as well as  
17 in spirit, he was honored as a University of Texas Distinguished  
18 Alumnus in 1999; and

19 WHEREAS, Mr. Clements was the devoted husband of Ann Clements  
20 and the proud father of three children; and

21 WHEREAS, The impact of this distinguished Texan's endeavors  
22 extended far and wide, and this state is the better for his life and  
23 service; now, therefore, be it

24 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas  
25 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Jamie Hager  
26 Clements and extend sincere sympathy to the members of his family:  
27 to his wife of 47 years, Ann Trigg Clements; to his son, Jamie

1 Clements, Jr., and his wife, Diana; to his daughters, Susan Negley  
2 and Cindy Voelter and her husband, Chuck; to his grandchildren,  
3 William, Ashley, Jamie, Madison, Suzanne, Austen, Noe, Carolina,  
4 Hannah, Samuel, and Rhett; and to his other relatives and friends;  
5 and, be it further

6       RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
7 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
8 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Jamie Hager  
9 Clements.