

By: Swinford

H.R. No. 1494

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Family and friends are mourning the loss of Steve  
2 Wright Sterquell of Amarillo, who died on April 1, 2009; and

3           WHEREAS, Steve Sterquell was born on February 6, 1953; after  
4 graduating from Texas Tech University with a business degree in  
5 1974, he became a certified public accountant and was a partner in  
6 Sterquell Hill & Goelzer, LLP; and

7           WHEREAS, In 1989, Mr. Sterquell established American Housing  
8 Foundation, a nonprofit organization dedicated to creating housing  
9 for low- and moderate-income families and individuals, and in 1995,  
10 he sold his accounting practice to focus on this worthwhile  
11 endeavor; and

12           WHEREAS, Mr. Sterquell's foundation has grown in the years  
13 since to manage and maintain more than 14,000 units in 33 cities in  
14 9 states; in recent years, he had worked with the Texas State  
15 Affordable Housing Corporation to acquire more units, and recently  
16 he had begun creating affordable housing for seniors; and

17           WHEREAS, A leader in his profession, Mr. Sterquell taught  
18 courses in taxation, low-income housing credits, estate planning,  
19 and other subjects; he also found time to serve as chair and  
20 president of the Kiwanis Foundation, chair of the Children's  
21 Miracle Network Telethon, and president of the Children's Health  
22 Foundation, and he worked with Goodwill Industries, the Amarillo  
23 Community Center, and many other organizations; and

24           WHEREAS, For his many contributions to the community, Mr.

1 Sterquell received numerous honors, including the James E. West  
2 Fellowship Award and the William O. Stillman Award from the  
3 National Humane Society, and he was named an Alumnus by Choice of  
4 Baylor University and a Boy Scout Heritage Society Lifetime Member;  
5 and

6 WHEREAS, In all of his endeavors, he enjoyed the love and  
7 support of his wife, Marshalette, to whom he was married for 34  
8 years, and their children, Steve and Elizabeth; and

9 WHEREAS, Steve Sterquell was a compassionate and committed  
10 member of his community, and although his life ended far too soon,  
11 he will forever be remembered with great admiration and affection;  
12 now, therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas  
14 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Steve Wright  
15 Sterquell and extend sincere condolences to the members of his  
16 family: to his wife, Marshalette S. Sterquell; to his children,  
17 Steve W. Sterquell II and his wife, Holly, and Elizabeth A. Bunn and  
18 her husband, Larry; to his grandchildren, Katherine R. Sterquell,  
19 Luke W. Sterquell, and Benjamin C. Bunn; to his mother, Betty W.  
20 Sterquell; to his brother, John C. Sterquell; to his sister, Vicki  
21 S. Sterquell; and to his other relatives and friends; and, be it  
22 further

23 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
24 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
25 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Steve  
26 Sterquell.