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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The caring and purposeful life of Douglas Allison  
2 Carmichael of Austin drew to a close on May 7, 2009, at the age of  
3 59; and

4 WHEREAS, Born on June 21, 1949, in Berkeley, California, Doug  
5 Carmichael was the son of Donald and Pat Carmichael; he answered his  
6 nation's call to duty in 1969 and was a medic for the U.S. Army 101st  
7 Airborne Division during the Vietnam War; he went on to earn both a  
8 bachelor's degree and a medical degree from the University of New  
9 Mexico, and along the way, he returned to the military as a member  
10 of the Army Reserve; he received advanced training in chemical and  
11 biological casualty care and later served as an instructor in  
12 advanced trauma and cardiac life support for the U.S. Army Command  
13 and General Staff College-Medical Corps; and

14 WHEREAS, After completing his residency in general surgery  
15 and emergency medicine at the Medical College of Wisconsin in  
16 Milwaukee in 1987, Dr. Carmichael served for a year as a staff  
17 emergency medicine physician at Brownwood Regional Hospital in  
18 Texas; he subsequently served as commander of the 375th Medical  
19 Detachment in Saudi Arabia and as a staff emergency physician at  
20 Darnall Army Hospital; moreover, he actively participated in  
21 several campaigns, including Operation Desert Storm, before  
22 retiring from the Army Reserve with the rank of lieutenant colonel;  
23 and

24 WHEREAS, In 2000, following service on the emergency medical

1 staff of Round Rock Hospital, Dr. Carmichael retired from the  
2 full-time practice of emergency medicine, however he remained in  
3 the field as a registered medical sonographer; he provided  
4 ultrasound instruction to emergency physicians, and he later went  
5 back to treating patients part-time at Austin area urgent care  
6 centers; and

7 WHEREAS, Dr. Carmichael gave back to his profession as a  
8 member of numerous organizations; during medical school, he was  
9 elected as a student member of the American Medical Association,  
10 and in 1983, he was a student delegate to the AMA House of  
11 Delegates; as his career progressed, he joined the Texas Medical  
12 Association, which he served as chair of the TMA Committee on Trauma  
13 and EMS, and the Texas College of Emergency Physicians, which he  
14 served as a member of the membership and legislative committees; he  
15 was honored with a Council Teamwork Award, and he was selected as a  
16 fellow of the American College of Emergency Physicians; and

17 WHEREAS, Dr. Carmichael was an avid distance runner and  
18 bicyclist who took great pleasure in the outdoors; although he was  
19 diagnosed with multiple sclerosis in 1995, he continued to pursue  
20 physical activity and especially enjoyed taking part in two major  
21 MS fund-raisers, the BP MS 150 bike ride from Austin to Houston and  
22 the MS 150 Bike to the Beach from San Antonio to Corpus Christi; he  
23 and some friends founded the Champions Against MS team for  
24 participants who were struggling with the disease themselves, and  
25 members were recognizable in their orange, black, and white jerseys  
26 that read "I have MS That is Why I Ride"; and

27 WHEREAS, Throughout his life, Doug Carmichael distinguished

1 himself as a talented physician, a patriotic American, and a  
2 devoted friend and loved one, and memories of him will forever be  
3 cherished by all those who held him dear; now, therefore, be it

4         RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas  
5 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Douglas Allison  
6 Carmichael and extend deepest sympathy to the members of his  
7 family: to his wife, Loise King Waller; to his children, U.S. Marine  
8 Corporal Hunter Allison Carmichael, Danielle Suzanne Carmichael,  
9 Alexis Faist Largent and her husband, William, and Caroline Waller  
10 Faist; to his mother, Pat Carmichael; to his sisters, Beth Thompson  
11 and her husband, Thomas, Judy Colman and her husband, David; to his  
12 niece, Becky Thompson; to his grandchildren, Avery Simone Largent,  
13 Rhys William Largent, and Griffin John Largent; and to his other  
14 relatives and many friends; and, be it further

15         RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
16 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
17 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Dr. Douglas  
18 Allison Carmichael.