

By: Craddick

H.R. No. 2623

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Family and friends are mourning the loss of  
2 Dr. Joseph G. Suckarieh of Midland, who died on May 3, 2009, at the  
3 age of 64; and

4           WHEREAS, Joseph Suckarieh was born in Damascus, Syria, on  
5 July 19, 1944, to Gabriel Joseph and Claire Sarki Suckarieh; and

6           WHEREAS, After earning his medical degree from Damascus  
7 University, Dr. Suckarieh performed his general surgery internship  
8 and residency at the University of Cincinnati; in Cincinnati, he  
9 met the former Judy Carol Wilson, and they were married in 1976; and

10           WHEREAS, Dr. Suckarieh did his thoracic and cardiovascular  
11 surgery residency at Wayne State University in Detroit from 1976 to  
12 1978, and from 1978 to 1989, he practiced medicine in Lubbock; he  
13 became an American citizen in 1980; and

14           WHEREAS, Since 1989, Dr. Suckarieh had been a member of the  
15 surgical team at the Heart Institute of Midland Memorial Hospital,  
16 where he performed his first open-heart surgery; he played a  
17 lifesaving role for many cardiac patients in Midland, and he earned  
18 the deep respect and lasting affection of colleagues and patients  
19 alike for his skill, vitality, and compassion; and

20           WHEREAS, A man of strong religious faith, Dr. Suckarieh was  
21 active in the Catholic Church; he was a member of St. Stephen's  
22 Catholic Church and Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church, and he  
23 often worked through the church to give of his time and effort to  
24 the less fortunate, both in Midland and in his native Syria; and

1           WHEREAS, A loving husband and father, Joseph Suckarieh  
2 dedicated his life to healing, and though he was taken too soon, he  
3 leaves behind a legacy of compassion and devotion that will live  
4 forever in the hearts of all who knew him; now, therefore, be it

5           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas  
6 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Dr. Joseph  
7 G. Suckarieh and extend sincere condolences to the members of his  
8 family: to his wife of 33 years, Judy Suckarieh; to his children,  
9 Jessica Suckarieh Weinzell and her husband, John, Amy Suckarieh  
10 Gorham and her husband, Alan, Elizabeth Suckarieh and her  
11 companion, James Hamilton, Nadia Suckarieh, Gabriel Joseph  
12 Suckarieh, Emily Suckarieh, and Kiki and Topher; to his sister,  
13 Jeanette Talamas, and her husband, Nasri; to his brother, George  
14 Suckarieh, and his wife, Nancy; to his grandchildren, Sidney  
15 Weinzell, Jordan Gorham, and Willem Weinzell; and to his other  
16 relatives and friends; and, be it further

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