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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The life of an admired education advocate drew to a
2 close with the passing of Ronald Gene Howell of Arlington on April
3 12, 2011, at the age of 79; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in Colorado City to Buford and Minnie Howell on
5 June 30, 1931, Ron Howell graduated from Hardin-Simmons University
6 in 1952 with a double major in history and chemistry and a double
7 minor in math and education; he married the former Ann McAuley in
8 1954; they raised three children and were together for 44 years
9 until Mrs. Howell passed away; fortunate enough to find love again,
10 Mr. Howell married Sherry Kever in 2000; and

11 WHEREAS, During his two decades working as a chemist at
12 Johnson & Johnson, Mr. Howell noticed a lack of American job
13 candidates with proper science backgrounds; to combat the problem,
14 he helped to create a summer science program for elementary school
15 teachers at The University of Texas at Arlington; he also cofounded
16 the AWARE Foundation to encourage and reward Arlington teachers;
17 and

18 WHEREAS, Mr. Howell was a strong supporter of the UT
19 Arlington College of Nursing and served on the college's Dream
20 Makers scholarship committee; moreover, he personally funded
21 scholarships for deserving students attending a variety of
22 colleges; his advocacy earned him a Heroes for Children award from
23 the State Board of Education in 1994, and he was named Man of the
24 Year by both the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram* and the *Arlington*

1 *Citizen-Journal* in 1995; and

2 WHEREAS, Ron Howell lived a rich and purposeful life centered
3 around his family and his desire to promote quality education, and
4 he will long be remembered with deep affection by all who knew him;
5 now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
7 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Ronald Gene Howell
8 and extend sincere condolences to the members of his family: to his
9 wife, Sherry Kever Howell; to his sons, Ronald Gene Howell, Jr., and
10 his wife, Brenda, and Brian Howell and his wife, Heather; to his
11 daughter, Alice Browder, and her husband, Jim; to his
12 stepdaughters, Marsha Wolfe and her husband, Paul, and Lisa Harry
13 and her husband, David; to his seven grandchildren and six
14 step-grandchildren; and to his other relatives and friends; and, be
15 it further

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