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H.R. No. 399

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Family, friends, and former colleagues are mourning
2 the loss of longtime Arlington school administrator Roy Wood, who
3 passed away on December 4, 2009, at the age of 92; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in Italy, Texas, on December 26, 1916, Mr. Wood
5 was raised in Ennis; he received a basketball scholarship to North
6 Texas State Teachers College, and he later served in the United
7 States Coast Guard during World War II; and

8 WHEREAS, While in college, Mr. Wood met his future wife, Mary
9 Louise, with whom he would go on to share 65 years; the couple were
10 blessed with two children, Joe Roy and Mary Ann; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Wood began his teaching career in Santa Rosa and
12 subsequently taught with his wife in Azle; they moved to Arlington
13 in 1949, when Mr. Wood became the principal of West Side School,
14 thus beginning his long and accomplished tenure in the local
15 education system; he went on to serve as principal of Berry
16 Elementary before being appointed as business manager for the
17 Arlington Independent School District in 1960; his keen financial
18 sense proved a great asset, and he eventually became assistant
19 superintendent of finance; along the way, he shared his time and
20 energy as president of the Texas Association of School Business
21 Officials, the Arlington Optimist Club, and the Arlington Downtown
22 Rotary Club; and

23 WHEREAS, After nearly 30 years of service to his district,
24 Mr. Wood retired in 1978; the community presented him with a fishing

1 boat as a token of appreciation, and a column in the *Arlington*
2 *Citizen-Journal* recognized him for his dedication to the district
3 during a time of tremendous growth; moreover, in 1980, AISD paid
4 tribute to both him and his wife with the opening of Roy and Louise
5 Wood Elementary; and

6 WHEREAS, Mr. Wood committed himself not only to education but
7 to his faith, serving as a deacon at the First Baptist Church of
8 Arlington and contributing financial resources and expertise to the
9 founders of Mission Arlington; he and his wife relocated to Athens
10 in 1999 and became members of the First Baptist Church there; and

11 WHEREAS, Known as a kind and gentle man, Mr. Wood was admired
12 for the birdhouses and nativity scenes he crafted in his spare time;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, Roy Wood distinguished himself as an outstanding
15 public servant and a devoted family man, and he touched the lives of
16 not only those who knew him best but countless Arlington students
17 and fellow educators; now, therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
19 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Roy Wood and extend
20 deepest sympathy to the members of his family: to his son, Joe Roy
21 Wood, and his wife, Glynda; to his daughter, Mary Ann Wood; to his
22 grandchildren, Matthew and Mark Wood and David Scallan; to his
23 great-grandchildren, Grant, Walker, Zach, and Nate; and to his
24 other relatives and friends; and, be it further

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