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H.R. No. 1403

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A full and generous life drew to a close with the
2 passing of Bruce Washington Dyer, Jr., of Waco, on March 22, 2011,
3 at the age of 79; and

4 WHEREAS, The son of Annie Johnson and Bruce Dyer, Sr., Mr.
5 Dyer was born on September 15, 1931; he grew up in West Tennessee
6 and graduated from Union City High School, where he led the Rhythm
7 Rascals dance band; at the age of 17, he hitchhiked to Missouri to
8 try out for the St. Louis Cardinals, but the baseball team deemed
9 him too young; and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. Dyer's high school sweetheart, the former
11 Dorothy Ams, played piano in the Rhythm Rascals; the couple went on
12 to marry and their fulfilling relationship of 60 years was made even
13 richer with the addition of four children and four grandchildren;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, After beginning his career in banking, Mr. Dyer was
16 named the assistant administrator for Obion County General Hospital
17 at the age of 21; he moved to Texas in 1957 and became the assistant
18 administrator of Providence Hospital in El Paso; for a brief time,
19 he was employed by a CBS affiliate in El Paso and a UHF station in
20 Dallas, but he returned to the medical field and managed clinics in
21 Dallas and Marion as well as in Ohio and Kansas; and

22 WHEREAS, This dynamic Texan later served as administrator of
23 Hillcrest Baptist Medical Center in Waco and opened several clinics
24 for the center before his retirement in 1996; he and his wife also

1 founded a bed and breakfast called the Judge Baylor House B&B and
2 welcomed numerous distinguished guests; gracious and thoughtful,
3 Mr. Dyer was a natural in the role of host, and he was a dedicated
4 member of the Heart of Texas Bed & Breakfast Owners Association; and

5 WHEREAS, Deeply committed to his community, Mr. Dyer
6 volunteered for Meals on Wheels; in addition, he served on the
7 Woodway City Council for several years, and he was a valued member
8 of Seventh & James Baptist Church; and

9 WHEREAS, Bruce Dyer will be deeply missed by all who were
10 privileged to share in his love and friendship, but those he left
11 behind will forever treasure their memories of wonderful times
12 spent in his company; now, therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
14 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Bruce Washington
15 Dyer, Jr., and extend sincere sympathy to the members of his family:
16 to his wife, Dorothy Ams Dyer; to his children, Alan Dyer, Anne
17 Speights, Aaron Dyer and his wife, Alice, and Amy Rye and her
18 husband, Nate; to his grandchildren, Holly Speights, Claire
19 McGrath, and Nathan and Meredith Dyer; to his sisters, Ann Veghte
20 and her husband, Jim, and Peggy Bauman and her husband, Bill; and to
21 his other relatives and friends; and, be it further

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