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H.R. No. 1879

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The loss of James Herbert Boswell on May 8, 2010, was
2 keenly felt by the numerous friends that he made through the years
3 as well as by the many people in Plano and beyond whose lives he
4 forever enriched; and

5 WHEREAS, Born on November 18, 1938, in North Carolina to
6 Ethel and Walter Boswell, Jim Boswell graduated as the
7 valedictorian of his high school class; he went on to earn a degree
8 in political science from George Washington University and worked
9 as a bailiff at a district court; and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. Boswell began his business career with the
11 Campbell Soup Company, holding a number of positions over the
12 course of two decades; in 1976, he moved to Plano and became a
13 partner in a food brokerage firm and then a vice president of sales
14 at a food company; he later served as a director of physician
15 services at the Medical Center of Plano and subsequently was the
16 administrative director of physician services at Texas Health
17 Presbyterian Hospital Plano, where he was responsible for
18 recruiting and retaining more than 100 physicians; and

19 WHEREAS, Dedicated to his community, Mr. Boswell was a member
20 of the Plano City Council and the chair of its planning and zoning
21 commission, as well as a former chair of the Plano Economic
22 Development Board and the Plano Chamber of Commerce; he served on
23 the boards of the Citizens Charter Review Commission, the Plano
24 Library Foundation, and the local chapter of the United Way; in

1 addition, he was the president of the local chapter of the American
2 Heart Association and an active member of West Plano Presbyterian
3 Church, which he served as an elder; moreover, he founded the Plano
4 Lawnmower Brigade, a popular participant in the city's annual
5 Fourth of July parade; and

6 WHEREAS, Mr. Boswell was recognized for his contributions
7 with an award for his volunteerism in 1985, and he was named Plano
8 Citizen of the Year in 1992; he was inducted into the STAR
9 Children's Charity hall of fame and was the namesake and the first
10 recipient of the charity's Jim Boswell Award, which honors
11 individuals who exemplify the qualities of leadership and
12 philanthropy for which Mr. Boswell was known; Texas Health
13 Presbyterian Hospital Plano recognized him with a commissioned
14 portrait in their hall of honor, and he also received the John
15 McVeigh Award from the Collin County Republican Party; and

16 WHEREAS, In all of his endeavors, Mr. Boswell enjoyed the
17 love and support of his wife, Myra, with whom he shared nearly half
18 a century, and their daughter, Leslie; consummate hosts, Mr. and
19 Mrs. Boswell frequently entertained guests, and for three decades,
20 they invited some 300 friends to their home for a Christmas Eve
21 party; and

22 WHEREAS, With a hearty laugh, an upbeat disposition, and a
23 genuine love of people, Mr. Boswell earned the admiration and
24 affection of many, and the citizens of Plano were fortunate indeed
25 to count him among their fellow residents; now, therefore, be it

26 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
27 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of James Herbert

1 Boswell and extend sincere sympathy to the members of his family: to
2 his wife, Myra Boswell; to his daughter, Leslie Austin Boswell; to
3 his sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Ellen and Richard Gerwig; to
4 his niece and nephew, Avery and Brandon Gerwig; to his close friend
5 and college roommate, Dr. Sandy Plevin; and to his many other
6 friends and relatives; and, be it further

7 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
8 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
9 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Jim
10 Boswell.