

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, A life made rich through meaningful service drew to  
2 a close when Dr. Richard George Fadal of Waco passed away on April  
3 4, 2011, at the age of 79; and

4           WHEREAS, Richard Fadal was born in Waco on May 29, 1931, to  
5 George and Katherine Fadal, and he attended Waco public schools;  
6 after graduating from Baylor University in 1951, he entered The  
7 University of Texas Southwestern Medical School at Dallas, where he  
8 earned his medical degree in 1955, and he returned to Waco to  
9 complete his medical internship at Providence Hospital; from 1956  
10 to 1957, he served his country as a captain in the U.S. Air Force;  
11 and

12           WHEREAS, Following his discharge from the military, Dr. Fadal  
13 opened a private medical practice; during the course of his  
14 distinguished 45-year career, he served on the staffs of Providence  
15 Hospital and Hillcrest Baptist Medical Center in Waco and Holy Name  
16 Medical Center in Teaneck, New Jersey; he also served as the  
17 attending physician for the Methodist Children's Home, taught on  
18 the faculty of the Waco Family Medicine Residency Program, and  
19 worked as a consultant for pharmaceutical companies; and

20           WHEREAS, A board-certified allergist, Dr. Fadal was an early  
21 adopter of the radioallergosorbent test (RAST), a simple blood test  
22 for allergies that was developed in Sweden in 1975 as a replacement  
23 for the common skin test; in 1978, Dr. Fadal and one of his  
24 students, Dr. Donald Nalebuff, made modifications to the test that

1 allowed physicians to create individual treatment schedules for  
2 patients based on their test scores; in 1981 they received a U.S.  
3 patent for their system, which is known as the Fadal-Nalebuff  
4 Modified RAST, and they traveled extensively giving lectures on  
5 their methodology, which is still widely used in the medical field;  
6 in addition, Dr. Fadal published numerous articles in medical  
7 journals and coauthored a book with Dr. Nalebuff titled *RAST in*  
8 *Clinical Allergy*; and

9         WHEREAS, This esteemed Texan was a member of the McLennan  
10 County Medical Society, the Texas Medical Association, the American  
11 Medical Association, and the Texas Allergy, Asthma and Immunology  
12 Society; he was a diplomate of the American Board of Allergy and  
13 Immunology, as well as a founding fellow and former director of the  
14 American In Vitro Allergy and Immunology Society and a past  
15 president of the Pan American Allergy Society; moreover, he was a  
16 fellow of the American Association of Certified Allergists and the  
17 American College of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology, as well as an  
18 honorary fellow of the American Academy of Otolaryngic Allergy; and

19         WHEREAS, Among the honors conferred on Dr. Fadal were the  
20 Aynesworth Award for Teaching and the Outstanding Faculty Member  
21 Award, which were presented to him by the residents of the Waco  
22 Family Medicine Residency Program in 2000 and 2001, respectively;  
23 and

24         WHEREAS, When not engaged in his professional  
25 responsibilities, Dr. Fadal delighted in spending time outdoors; he  
26 especially enjoyed hunting and fishing in the company of his family  
27 and friends; and

1           WHEREAS, In all of his endeavors Dr. Fadal enjoyed the love  
2 and support of his wife, Margaret, with whom he was joined in  
3 matrimony on January 6, 1956, at Oak Lawn Methodist Church in  
4 Dallas; over the years they were blessed with four children, Stacy,  
5 Richard, Thomas, and Michael, as well as nine grandchildren and a  
6 great-granddaughter; and

7           WHEREAS, An accomplished physician and a respected member of  
8 his community, Dr. Richard Fadal lived a caring and purposeful  
9 life, and he leaves behind a legacy that will long be treasured by  
10 all those who held him dear; now, therefore, be it

11           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas  
12 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Dr. Richard George  
13 Fadal and extend sincere condolences to the members of his family:  
14 to his wife, Margaret Fadal; to his children and their spouses,  
15 Stacy and Burl Coker, Richard and Jennifer Fadal, Thomas and Tracy  
16 Fadal, and Michael and Debbie Fadal; to his grandchildren, Dr. Lacy  
17 Kessler and her husband, Jimmy, Ashley Blossman and her husband,  
18 Cody, Jennifer Salisbury and her husband, Kurt, Holly Hinojosa and  
19 her husband, Kyle, Jill Fadal, Christopher Fadal and his wife,  
20 Stephanie, Tyler Fadal, Kyle Fadal, and Colt Fadal; to his  
21 great-granddaughter, Katherine Kessler; to his sisters and  
22 brothers-in-law, Mary and Jack Holstein and Caroline and James  
23 Hurst; and to his other relatives and friends; and, be it further

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1           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
2 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
3 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Dr. Richard  
4 George Fadal.

Anderson of McLennan

H.R. No. 1933

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1933 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on May 19, 2011.

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Chief Clerk of the House