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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

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