RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Memories of a life filled with joyful times and 2 meaningful accomplishments remain to comfort the family and friends 3 of Dr. Albert Ray Niederer of Woodway, who passed away on April 22, 2011, at the age of 72; and 4 WHEREAS, Born on August 5, 1938, in Waco to Gus Albert and 5 Freda Gummelt Niederer, Ray Niederer played basketball as a youth 6 7 and graduated from Waco High School in 1956; he earned a bachelor's degree in history from Baylor University in 1960, and while 8 attending college, he met the love of his life, Anna Waters; the two 9 married on July 23, 1960, and they shared more than half a century 10 11 of marriage and had two children together, Deborah and David; and 12 WHEREAS, Dr. Niederer studied at Sioux Falls Seminary in 13 South Dakota and was ordained as a minister in 1963, and he went on 14 to serve as a pastor at Baptist churches in Michigan, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Dakota, and California; while leading services at 15 several small churches in Texas, he enrolled in the doctoral 16 program in religion at Baylor University, and in 1976, he earned his 17 doctor of philosophy degree; and 18 WHEREAS, In 1983, Dr. Niederer became a librarian in the 19 20 Waco-McLennan County Library system and he worked in area libraries 21 for two decades; a member of the First Baptist Church of Waco as well, he also liked to golf, read, and travel in his spare time; and 22

many people with his kind and caring ways, and he will long be

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WHEREAS, Dr. Niederer earned the affection and admiration of

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- 1 remembered by all those who were fortunate enough to know him; now,
- 2 therefore, be it
- RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
- 4 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Dr. Albert Ray
- 5 Niederer and extend sincere sympathy to the members of his family:
- 6 to his wife, Ann; to his daughter, Deborah Saxon, and her husband,
- 7 John; to his son, David Niederer, and his wife, Misty; to his
- 8 grandchildren, Megan and Peyton; to his sister, Dorothy DeBorde;
- 9 and to his other relatives and friends; and, be it further
- 10 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
- 11 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
- 12 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Dr. Albert
- 13 Ray Niederer.

Anderson of McLennan

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2212 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on May 26, 2011.

Chief Clerk of the House