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H.R. No. 2212

R E S O L U T I O N

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,
4 2011, at the age of 72; and

5 WHEREAS, Born on August 5, 1938, in Waco to Gus Albert and
6 Freda Gummelt Niederer, Ray Niederer played basketball as a youth
7 and graduated from Waco High School in 1956; he earned a bachelor's
8 degree in history from Baylor University in 1960, and while
9 attending college, he met the love of his life, Anna Waters; the two
10 married on July 23, 1960, and they shared more than half a century
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,
15 Oklahoma, South Dakota, and California; while leading services at
16 several small churches in Texas, he enrolled in the doctoral
17 program in religion at Baylor University, and in 1976, he earned his
18 doctor of philosophy degree; and

19 WHEREAS, In 1983, Dr. Niederer became a librarian in the
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
22 well, he also liked to golf, read, and travel in his spare time; and

23 WHEREAS, Dr. Niederer earned the affection and admiration of
24 many people with his kind and caring ways, and he will long be

1 remembered by all those who were fortunate enough to know him; now,
2 therefore, be it

3 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.