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H.R. No. 2624

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Family and friends are mourning the loss of Dr. Kent
2 Butler, noted regional planner and professor at The University of
3 Texas at Austin, who tragically passed away on May 13, 2011, at the
4 age of 60; and

5 WHEREAS, An associate dean in the school of architecture and
6 director of the graduate program in community and regional
7 planning, Kent Butler focused on solutions that balanced community
8 water needs with the preservation of water and wildlife; he served
9 on commissions and negotiated with developers, helping to manage
10 Austin's growth, and he was instrumental in creating the Barton
11 Springs Edwards Aquifer Conservation District as well as the
12 Balcones Canyonlands Preserve, one of the largest urban preserves
13 in the United States; described by colleagues as highly influential
14 in his field, he was also known for his positive attitude and love
15 of nature; and

16 WHEREAS, Dr. Butler earned his bachelor's and master's
17 degrees and his doctorate from the University of Wisconsin and came
18 to UT in 1978; in recent years, he secured more than \$3 million in
19 funding for environmental planning research and programs
20 addressing issues in areas throughout Texas; in all of his
21 endeavors, he enjoyed the love and support of his wife, Christy, and
22 he took pride in a fine family that includes four children, Lana,
23 Emily, Josh, and Nick; and

24 WHEREAS, The passion and generosity of spirit that Kent

1 Butler brought to every undertaking endeared him deeply to all who
2 knew him, and memories of him will be forever treasured by those who
3 were privileged to share in his life; now, therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
5 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Dr. Kent Butler and
6 extend sincere sympathy to the members of his family: to his wife,
7 Christy; to his children, Lana Butler, Emily Butler, Josh Butler,
8 and Nick Kincaid; to his son-in-law, Dave Kaz; to his brother, Bruce
9 Butler; to his sister-in-law, Phyllis Butler; to his sister, Lind
10 Butler; to his brother-in-law, Bill Connolly; and to his other
11 relatives and many friends; and, be it further

12 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
13 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
14 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Dr. Kent
15 Butler.