

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 654

In Memory
of
Roland M. Meffert

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas honors and commemorates the life of Dr. Roland M. "Rollie" Meffert, who died March 22, 2011, at the age of 76; and

WHEREAS, A pioneer in the field of dental implants, Dr. Meffert served the nation with honor and distinction for 20 years in the United States Air Force, where he counted among his patients early National Aeronautics and Space Administration astronauts and United States prisoners of war returning from Vietnam; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Meffert earned his dental degree from Marquette University in 1955; he engendered controversy early in his career for his assertion that dentists could insert dental implants, but the profession came to embrace the idea; he was also known for developing the surgical techniques used to repair implants; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Meffert directed the postdoctoral program in periodontics at The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio for many years and served as its chair from 1979 to 1984; he held a similar position at Louisiana State University before returning to San Antonio; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Meffert delivered lectures about dental implants throughout the world; the Meffert-Mutlu Implant Institute in Turkey was named in his honor, and the Roland M. Meffert International Symposium was convened in New Orleans in 1994; and

WHEREAS, A man of courage, determination, and perseverance, Dr. Meffert gave unselfishly to others, and his commitment to his patients, his students, and his profession will not be forgotten by those who knew him; and

WHEREAS, He was beloved by his family and friends, and he will long be remembered with affection and admiration by all those who were privileged to share in his life; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 82nd Legislature, hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family of Dr. Roland M. Meffert; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for his family as an expression of deepest sympathy from the Texas Senate, and that when the Senate adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Dr. Roland M. Meffert.

Van de Putte

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 29, 2011, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate