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H.C.R. No. 131

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, A rich and purposeful life drew to a close with the
2 passing of Robert Mitchell Wilson of Arlington, who died on January
3 16, 2013, at the age of 69; and

4 WHEREAS, Mitch Wilson was born in Waco on July 2, 1943, to
5 Marguerite and Bob Wilson; he attended Arlington State College for
6 a time before answering his nation's call to duty during the Vietnam
7 War, when he served in the U.S. Army; and

8 WHEREAS, After his discharge from the military, Mr. Wilson
9 resumed his education and earned a bachelor's degree in arts
10 education at Howard Payne College in Brownwood, where he became a
11 leading member of the arts community, directing talent shows,
12 designing sets for theatrical performances, and preparing parade
13 floats; he subsequently earned a master's degree in painting at
14 Stephen F. Austin State University; and

15 WHEREAS, For most of his professional life, Mr. Wilson was a
16 junior high school art teacher for the Arlington Independent School
17 District, and over the course of his career, he taught more than
18 6,000 students; his retirement in January 2010 was celebrated by
19 200 former students and fellow teachers at an event at the Arlington
20 Museum of Art; named Texas Art Educator of the Year in 1989, Mr.
21 Wilson was honored with the Linda Cordova Memorial Award from the
22 Arlington Arts League in 1997 and chosen as Man of the Year by the
23 *Fort Worth Star-Telegram* in 2001; in 2002, his name was added to the
24 Arlington ISD Wall of Fame; and

1 WHEREAS, A talented artist, inspiring teacher, and staunch
2 advocate for the arts and art education, Mitch Wilson will forever
3 be remembered with deep admiration and affection by all who were
4 privileged to share in his life; now, therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the 83rd Legislature of the State of Texas
6 hereby pay tribute to the memory of Robert Mitchell Wilson and that
7 sincere condolences be extended to the members of his family: to his
8 mother, Marguerite Wilson; to his sister, Frances Goodwin, and her
9 husband, Garland; to his brother, Terry Wilson, and his wife,
10 Nancy; and to his other relatives and many friends; and, be it
11 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 and Senate adjourn this day, they do so in memory of
15 Robert Mitchell Wilson.