

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The life of a highly respected and dedicated
2 physician drew to a close with the passing of Dr. James Anderson
3 Twining of Houston on October 26, 2012, at the age of 73; and

4 WHEREAS, Born on October 5, 1939, Jim Twining was the adopted
5 son of Donald and Marjorie Twining of Aurora, Illinois; he
6 demonstrated an early affinity for learning and for the outdoors
7 that would stay with him throughout his life; after graduating from
8 high school, he went on to earn a bachelor's degree from Drake
9 University; between semesters, he worked as a construction worker,
10 assembling steel beams as high as 95 feet from the ground without a
11 safety harness, as was the practice at the time; and

12 WHEREAS, He received his medical degree from the University
13 of Illinois at Chicago in 1965 and, the following year, completed a
14 rotating internship at Chicago's Cook County Hospital, during which
15 he delivered 160 babies in two months; Dr. Twining completed his
16 pediatric residency at the Baylor-affiliated hospital residency
17 program at the Texas Medical Center in Houston before serving for
18 two years as a physician in the U.S. Army in Fort Lewis, Washington,
19 and attaining the rank of major; and

20 WHEREAS, Although he had fallen in love with the Rocky
21 Mountains and with Mount Rainier, Dr. Twining returned with his
22 family to Houston, where he earned certification from the American
23 Board of Pediatrics; he also became a fellow of the American Academy
24 of Pediatrics and a member of the Texas Medical Association and the

1 Texas Pediatric Society; and

2 WHEREAS, This eminent physician became only the third
3 pediatrician to serve the Clear Lake community, and he founded Bay
4 Area Pediatrics in 1973; over the next four decades, his practice
5 grew from serving 6 patients to some 36,000; known for his warm and
6 considerate bedside manner, he provided expert care to generations
7 of Bay Area residents and saved hundreds of lives, while earning the
8 gratitude of patients ranging from NASA's astronaut corps to
9 indigent residents of Harris and Galveston Counties; and

10 WHEREAS, Highly regarded by his colleagues for his skill,
11 intellect, and compassion, Dr. Twining became chief of staff of the
12 Clear Lake Regional Medical Center in 1985, and he served for many
13 years as a clinical assistant professor at Baylor College of
14 Medicine; he further benefited the community through his work at
15 Texas Children's Hospital and Children's Memorial Hermann Hospital;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, In all his endeavors, Dr. Twining enjoyed the love
18 and support of his wife, Patricia, and his sons, Jeffrey, Donald,
19 Andrew, Phillip, and Steven; along with his deep devotion to his
20 family, his medical practice, and his patients, he had a zest for
21 life that expressed itself in myriad ways; he was an avid mountain
22 climber, summiting Mount Rainier four times and scaling numerous
23 other peaks in Colorado and Wyoming; in addition, he ran marathons
24 and had a personal best time of 3 hours and 36 minutes; later, he
25 became a highly competitive and successful commercial hot air
26 balloonist, while also finding time to hone his skills as a sailor,
27 fly fisherman, photographer, and cyclist and to indulge his

1 appetite for literature and world travel; and

2 WHEREAS, Although his death has brought great sorrow to his
3 loved ones, patients, and numerous friends, Jim Twining leaves
4 behind a legacy of excellence, leadership, and kindness that will
5 forever inspire all those who had the good fortune to know him; now,
6 therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
8 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of James Anderson
9 Twining and extend sincere sympathy to the members of his family: to
10 his wife, Patricia; to his sons, Jeffrey, Donald, Andrew, Phillip,
11 and Steven; to his grandchildren, Ethan, Hannah, Molly, Henry,
12 Lucy, Jessica, Garret, Jake, and Travis; to his sister, Barbara;
13 and to his other relatives and many friends; and, be it further

14 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
15 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
16 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Dr. James
17 Anderson Twining.

J. Davis of Harris

Straus	M. Gonzalez of El Paso	Oliveira
Allen	N. Gonzalez of El Paso	Orr
Alonzo	Gooden	Otto
Alvarado	Guerra	Paddie
Anchia	Guillen	Parker
Anderson	Gutierrez	Patrick
Ashby	Harless	Perez
Aycock	Harper-Brown	Perry
Bell	Hernandez Luna	Phillips
Bohac	Herrero	Pickett
Bonnen of Brazoria	Hilderbran	Pitts
Bonnen of Galveston	Howard	Price
Branch	Huberty	Raney
Burkett	Hughes	Ratliff
Burnam	Hunter	Raymond
Button	Isaac	Reynolds
Callegari	Johnson	Riddle
Canales	Kacal	Ritter
Capriglione	Keffer	Rodriguez of Bexar
Carter	King of Hemphill	Rodriguez of Travis
Clardy	King of Parker	Rose
Coleman	King of Taylor	Sanford
Collier	King of Zavala	Schaefer
Cook	Kleinschmidt	Sheets
Cortez	Klick	Sheffield of Bell
Craddick	Kolkhorst	Sheffield of Coryell
Creighton	Krause	Simmons
Crownover	Kuempel	Simpson
Dale	Larson	Smith
Darby	Laubenberg	Smithee
Davis of Dallas	Lavender	Springer
J. Davis of Harris	Leach	Stephenson
S. Davis of Harris	Lewis	Stickland
Deshotel	Longoria	Strama
Dukes	Lozano	Taylor
Dutton	Lucio III	Thompson of Brazoria
Eiland	Marquez	Thompson of Harris
Elkins	Martinez	Toth
Fallon	Martinez Fischer	Turner of Collin
Farias	McClendon	Turner of Harris
Farney	Menendez	Turner of Tarrant
Farrar	Miles	Villalba
Fletcher	Miller of Comal	Villarreal
Flynn	Miller of Fort Bend	Vo
Frank	Moody	Walle
Frullo	Morrison	White
Geren	Munoz, Jr.	Workman
Giddings	Murphy	Wu
Goldman	Naishtat	Zedler
Gonzales	Nevarez	Zerwas

H.R. No. 170

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 170 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on February 18, 2013.

Chief Clerk of the House