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H.R. No. 175

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Countless lives were touched by the dedication and  
2 generosity of Dr. John Norbert Marx of Lubbock, who passed away on  
3 December 13, 2012, at the age of 75; and

4 WHEREAS, Born on October 31, 1937, in Columbus, Ohio, John  
5 Marx was the son of John and Cecelia Marx; he developed a strong  
6 interest in science at an early age, and he grew tomatoes to sell to  
7 raise money for his first telescope; and

8 WHEREAS, He graduated from Waterbury High School in Nebraska  
9 and studied for a time at Wayne State Teacher's College before  
10 earning a bachelor's degree with high honors in chemistry at St.  
11 Benedict's College in Kansas in 1962; three years later, he  
12 received a doctorate in chemistry from the University of Kansas and  
13 went on to pursue postdoctoral work at Cambridge University in  
14 England and at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore; and

15 WHEREAS, Dr. Marx enjoyed a long and rewarding career at  
16 Texas Tech University in Lubbock, arriving there in 1967 and  
17 retiring in 2004 as an associate professor emeritus; during his  
18 37-year tenure, he advised many graduate students, and he continued  
19 to serve as a tutor well after retirement; Dr. Marx loved to teach,  
20 whether he was working with students in a one-room schoolhouse in  
21 rural Nebraska, where he began his career, or with Boy Scouts eager  
22 to earn merit badges in astronomy and chemistry; and

23 WHEREAS, A longtime assistant scoutmaster with Boy Scout  
24 Troop No. 157, he was a Vigil Honor member of the Order of the Arrow

1 and a recipient of the Silver Beaver award; moreover, for half a  
2 century he belonged to the American Chemical Society and served the  
3 organization in a number of regional leadership roles; in addition,  
4 he enjoyed collecting science fiction and was a fan of the Lubbock  
5 Symphony Orchestra and the local public radio station; Dr. Marx  
6 also served as a lector and Eucharistic minister at Christ the King  
7 Cathedral; and

8       WHEREAS, He married the love of his life, Patricia Colleen  
9 Loyd, in 1974, and they were blessed with two beloved children,  
10 Ruthie and Sam; and

11       WHEREAS, Although John Marx is greatly missed, he leaves  
12 behind a legacy that will be forever treasured by all those who were  
13 privileged to share in his life; now, therefore, be it

14       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas  
15 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Dr. John Norbert  
16 Marx and extend sincere sympathy to the members of his family: to  
17 his wife, Pat Marx; to his daughter, Ruthie Marx, and Matt Tyler; to  
18 his son, Sam Marx, and his wife, Salima Alikahn; to his siblings,  
19 Rosie, Mary, Margaret, Susie and her husband, Dan, and Nick and his  
20 wife, Mary; and to his other relatives and friends; and, be it  
21 further

22       RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
23 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
24 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Dr. John  
25 Norbert Marx.