

By: White

H.R. No. 1114

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Thomas Young Foster of Village Mills, an esteemed
2 educator and friend to many, passed away on February 21, 2013, at
3 the age of 81; and

4 WHEREAS, The son of James and Zelta Mae Foster, Thomas Foster
5 was born on August 8, 1931, in Huntington; he earned his bachelor's
6 degree from Stephen F. Austin State University in 1952 and began
7 teaching math and science for the Big Sandy Independent School
8 District that same year; answering his country's call to duty, he
9 served in the United States Army during the Korean War and then
10 returned to Big Sandy ISD, where he worked until his passing; and

11 WHEREAS, During his remarkable 61-year tenure, "Doc" Foster
12 contributed to the district in many roles; he coached girls'
13 basketball for nearly 30 years, leading teams to win district
14 titles, participate in regional tournaments, and compete in state
15 playoffs, and he also worked with the volleyball team until 1986; he
16 served as principal of Big Sandy High School for 22 years, until he
17 was named superintendent of the district, and in 1993, he returned
18 to the classroom; he was dedicated to helping his junior high and
19 high school students succeed and tutored many of them before and
20 after school; along the way, he obtained his master's degree from
21 Sam Houston State University and participated in a graduate program
22 at the University of Wisconsin; in 2013, Big Sandy ISD named the
23 high school gymnasium in his honor; and

24 WHEREAS, An inspiring leader who enriched the lives of

1 countless young Texans, Thomas Foster will be deeply missed, but
2 the compassion, dedication, and joy with which he lived his life
3 will long be remembered by all who had the good fortune to know him;
4 now, therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
6 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Thomas Young Foster
7 and extend sincere sympathy to the members of his family: to his
8 sons, Kevin Foster and his wife, Mandy, and Roland Foster and his
9 wife, Veronica; to his grandchildren, Cole, Kaden, Kye, Matthew,
10 Colt, Elizabeth, Harrison, Victoria, and Brendan Foster and
11 Jennifer Selman; to his sister, Fleta Wyatt; to his brothers, Joe
12 Foster and his wife, Mary, Gary Foster, and Kenny Foster; and to his
13 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 Thomas
17 Foster.