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H.R. No. 99

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, A rich and purposeful life drew to a close on October  
2 18, 2014, with the death of Dr. Richard Earl Morris of Arlington at  
3 the age of 83; and

4           WHEREAS, Dr. Morris was born on September 25, 1931, in  
5 Woodward, Oklahoma, to Winfield and Sylvia Morris; after graduating  
6 from Woodward High School in 1949, he answered his nation's call to  
7 duty and joined the U.S. Air Force in 1950; and

8           WHEREAS, In 1955, Richard Morris enrolled at the University  
9 of Oklahoma, and he graduated from the university's school of  
10 medicine in 1963; that same year, he embarked on his medical career  
11 as an intern at Dallas Methodist Hospital, and in 1964, he began his  
12 residency at Parkland Memorial Hospital; he joined the  
13 Anesthesiology Association of Arlington in 1967 and received his  
14 board certification in 1970; and

15           WHEREAS, Dr. Morris returned to Parkland in 1972 as an  
16 associate professor and as the burn unit's head of anesthesiology;  
17 the following year, he joined the staff of Dallas Children's  
18 Hospital, where he served as head of anesthesiology for the next 11  
19 years; in 1984, he returned to private practice with the  
20 Anesthesiology Association of Arlington, and he retired in 2007;  
21 and

22           WHEREAS, In all his endeavors, Dr. Morris enjoyed the love  
23 and support of his wife, Ann, and of his three daughters; and

24           WHEREAS, While the death of Richard Morris brings

1 immeasurable sorrow to his family and friends, he leaves behind a  
2 record of exemplary service that will long be treasured by all those  
3 who held him dear; now, therefore, be it

4         RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas  
5 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Richard Earl Morris  
6 and extend sincere condolences to the members of his family: to his  
7 wife of 47 years, Ann Morris; to his daughters, Janna Morris, Shelly  
8 Beasecker, and Tami Morris; to his grandchildren, S. Christopher  
9 Shipe, Jaquelyne Shipe, Garrett Elliott, Richard Beasecker, and  
10 Mitchell Beasecker; to his sister, Opal Dunsworth; and to his other  
11 relatives and friends; and, be it 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 adjourns this day, it do so in memory of  
15 Dr. Richard Earl Morris.