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H.R. No. 674

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The life of a highly respected physician and civic
2 leader drew to a close with the passing of Dr. Jack Leigh Eidson of
3 Weatherford on June 15, 2014, at the age of 91; and

4 WHEREAS, Born on August 26, 1922, in Greenville, South
5 Carolina, Jack Eidson was the son of Charles and Margaret Eidson; he
6 graduated from The University of Texas at Austin in 1943, where he
7 was a member of the Phi Beta Kappa and Phi Kappa Sigma fraternities,
8 and pursued his medical degree at the Baylor University College of
9 Medicine during World War II, while enlisted in the U.S. Army; he
10 graduated in 1946 and subsequently served with the Army Air Corps at
11 bases in Texas, Indiana, and Colorado; and

12 WHEREAS, Following his military service, "Dr. Jack" moved to
13 Weatherford, becoming one of only eight physicians practicing in
14 the city; he was well known for his gracious nature and gentle
15 bedside manner, and during the more than 50 years that he conducted
16 his general practice, he helped deliver more than 5,000 babies and
17 benefited patients with his broad range of medical expertise; in
18 addition, he contributed to the health and well-being of area
19 residents as a health officer and medical director for the City of
20 Weatherford and as an executive committee member for Region 5 of the
21 Health Service Agency; and

22 WHEREAS, This esteemed physician was also active in a number
23 of community organizations, including the Boy Scouts of America,
24 the United Way, the Masons, the Weatherford Lions Club, and the

1 Weatherford Chamber of Commerce; a man of faith, he was an ordained
2 elder at Grace First Presbyterian Church for many years; moreover,
3 he served his fellow citizens as a three-term city commissioner and
4 as mayor pro tem, and he was honored for his many contributions with
5 an Outstanding Citizen Award in 1979; and

6 WHEREAS, Dr. Eidson and his wife, Wanda, shared a rewarding
7 marriage until the time of her passing; he was a caring father to
8 his children, Scott and Carroll, who preceded him in death, as well
9 as to his sons, Jack, Mark, and Jon; he later knew the joy of
10 welcoming a number of grandchildren and great-grandchildren into
11 the family; and

12 WHEREAS, The dedicated work of Dr. Eidson had a profound and
13 positive effect on the residents of Weatherford over the course of
14 many decades, and although his loss is felt deeply by all who knew
15 him, his legacy of compassionate care and community service will be
16 appreciated for years to come; now, therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
18 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Dr. Jack Leigh Eidson
19 and extend sincere condolences to the members of his family: to his
20 sons, Jack Eidson Jr. and his wife, Judy, Mark Eidson and his wife,
21 Sarah, and Jon Eidson and his wife, Lynne; to his grandchildren and
22 great-grandchildren; and to his other relatives and many friends;
23 and, be it further

24 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
25 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
26 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Dr. Jack
27 Leigh Eidson.