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H.R. No. 1189

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Lone Star State lost a respected educator with
2 the death of former Irving Independent School District
3 superintendent Dr. John F. Townley, who passed away on December 31,
4 2014, at the age of 87; and

5 WHEREAS, Born in Paducah on February 9, 1927, to John and
6 Martha Townley, John Townley answered his nation's call to duty
7 with his service in the U.S. Army; he was a graduate of Weatherford
8 Junior College, Texas Wesleyan University, and The University of
9 Texas; and

10 WHEREAS, Dr. Townley began his career in education in 1952 in
11 the Everman Independent School District, where he served as a
12 teacher, coach, principal, and superintendent; he later led the
13 Pharr-San Juan-Alamo and Taylor school districts before joining the
14 Irving ISD as superintendent of schools in 1970; over the course of
15 his exemplary 15-year tenure in that post, as in every previous
16 position he had held, he displayed a rare dedication to his students
17 and earned the admiration and respect of his peers; and

18 WHEREAS, Following his retirement, this esteemed
19 administrator continued to give back to his community as a
20 volunteer and advocate for Irving schools; he was recognized for
21 his many contributions to the district with the naming of John
22 F. Townley Elementary School in his honor; in addition, the Everman
23 ISD honored Dr. Townley and his wife, Polly, with the dedication of
24 John and Polly Townley Elementary; and

1 WHEREAS, John and Polly Townley shared many years of
2 rewarding marriage, enriched by their mutual love of their work and
3 by their devotion to all the students they helped to guide over the
4 years; and

5 WHEREAS, Dr. Townley was a valued member of Oak View Baptist
6 Church, and in his leisure time, he enjoyed quail hunting and
7 playing golf as a member of Las Colinas Country Club; and

8 WHEREAS, Deeply devoted to his profession and his community,
9 Dr. Townley made a positive difference in the lives of countless
10 Texans, and he leaves behind a legacy that will resonate for years
11 to come; now, therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
13 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Dr. John F. Townley
14 and extend sincere sympathy to the members of his family: to his
15 wife, Eula "Polly" Townley; to his sisters, Effie Leek and Margaret
16 McGlaun; to his nieces, Phyllis Foreman and Patsy Perry; to his
17 nephew, Tommy Leek; and to his other relatives and friends; and, be
18 it further

19 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
20 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
21 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Dr. John
22 F. Townley.