

By: Thompson of Harris

H.R. No. 1594

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Honorable Richard Stuart Geiger of Dallas passed
2 away on October 16, 2013, at the age of 77, drawing to a close a
3 remarkable life that included service as a state representative and
4 as a successful attorney; and

5 WHEREAS, Born in Dallas on February 21, 1936, to Gilbert and
6 Letitia Geiger, Dick Geiger graduated from W. H. Adamson High
7 School in 1953; he went on to earn a bachelor of law degree from the
8 Southern Methodist University Dedman School of Law in 1961 and soon
9 embarked on his legal career, earning admittance to the State Bar of
10 Texas in 1962; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Geiger entered politics in 1972, when he
12 conducted a successful campaign for the District 33-G seat in the
13 Texas House of Representatives, and his outstanding efforts on
14 behalf of his constituents in the Oak Cliff area of Dallas earned
15 him reelection two years later; over the course of his two terms in
16 office, he served as a member of numerous committees, including
17 those focused on transportation, health and welfare, and elections,
18 and he was vice chair of the State Affairs Committee and chair of
19 its Subcommittee on Housing and Urban Rehabilitation; moreover, he
20 became a delegate to the Texas Constitutional Convention of 1974;
21 and

22 WHEREAS, In 1977, Mr. Geiger joined the law office of
23 Thompson, Coe, Cousins & Irons, LLP, where he earned widespread
24 acclaim for his expertise in insurance law; he was named managing

1 partner of the firm in 1995 and went on to play an instrumental role
2 in the dramatic expansion of the business; following an exemplary
3 28-year tenure with the office, he retired in 2005; and

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Geiger further distinguished himself through
5 his involvement with a number of professional organizations; he
6 helped establish the Insurance Council of Texas in 1996 and the ICT
7 Education Foundation in 2007, and he held the post of general
8 counsel for ICT as well as for the Texas Automobile Insurance Plan
9 Association for many years; and

10 WHEREAS, In addition to his other responsibilities, this
11 eminent Texan benefited his community and his profession by serving
12 as a member of the board for such organizations as the Texas Legal
13 Protection Plan, Home Health Services of Texas, the Dallas
14 Zoological Society, the Turtle Creek Association, and the W. H.
15 Adamson Scholarship Foundation; and

16 WHEREAS, Held in high regard by his peers, Mr. Geiger was
17 listed as one of the Best Lawyers in America three times and was
18 named as a Leading Lawyer in America by Chambers and Partners for 10
19 consecutive years; in addition, he was presented with the Raymond
20 Mauk Leadership Award from the ICT in 2007, was inducted into the
21 Adamson High School Hall of Honor in 2012, and received a Lifetime
22 Achievement Award from the W. H. Adamson Scholarship Foundation in
23 2013; and

24 WHEREAS, Mr. Geiger exchanged the vows of matrimony with his
25 childhood sweetheart, the former Phyllis McGee, in 1954, and the
26 couple shared a close and rewarding union that spanned nearly six
27 decades until her passing in August 2012; they raised five

1 children, Scott, Angela, Margaret, Claire, and Amy, and with the
2 passing years, their family grew to include 13 grandchildren and a
3 great-grandson; and

4 WHEREAS, Devoted to his family, his profession, and his
5 fellow citizens, Dick Geiger made a meaningful and positive
6 difference in many lives, and his notable record of achievement
7 will continue to inspire all those who knew and loved him; now,
8 therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
10 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Richard Stuart Geiger
11 and extend deepest condolences to the members of his family: to his
12 children, Scott Geiger and his wife, Kathleen, Angela and Margaret
13 Geiger, Claire Vail and her husband, Kevin, and Amy McCarty and her
14 husband, Frank; to his sisters, Theresa Ramsey, Emalee McRoberts,
15 and Susan Lynn Wilbur; to his grandchildren, Andrew and John
16 Allard, Elisabeth Allard-Davenport, Richard and Audrey Geiger,
17 Richard, Laurence, and Cecilia Lau, Grace and Charles Walworth, and
18 Emily, Rachel, and Ian McCarty; to his great-grandson, Mason
19 Allard; and to his other relatives and many friends; and, be it
20 further

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