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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A full and generous life drew to a close with the
2 passing of Dr. John Wallace Griffin of Port Lavaca on March 29,
3 2015, at the age of 85; and

4 WHEREAS, John Griffin was born on his family's farm near
5 Weslaco, the youngest of Charles and Cora Griffin's six children;
6 after graduating from Weslaco High School, he joined the United
7 States Marine Corps, and he later served for 10 years in the U.S.
8 Air Force Reserve; and

9 WHEREAS, Following his honorable discharge from the marines,
10 Dr. Griffin returned home to the Rio Grande Valley to run his
11 family's dairy operation, and he began his college studies at
12 Edinburg Junior College; he went on to major in chemistry and
13 English at Baylor University, and during his years in Waco, he met
14 Marian Ellen McCutcheon, whom he married in 1951; after graduating
15 from the Baylor College of Medicine in 1954, he completed his
16 internship at Hermann Hospital in Houston; and

17 WHEREAS, Dr. Griffin established a rewarding 40-year career
18 as a family physician and surgeon in Port Lavaca, where his
19 expertise was greatly admired; a prominent member of his
20 profession, he played an integral part in the creation of the local
21 indigent care program and served as president of the Victoria,
22 Calhoun, and Goliad County Medical Society; his involvement in
23 community affairs included service on the Calhoun County
24 Independent School District board of trustees and the City of Port

1 Lavaca parks board, and he was a dedicated supporter of the YMCA,
2 the Victoria Bach Festival Association, and other civic
3 organizations; in addition, he was a valued congregant of First
4 United Methodist Church of Port Lavaca; and

5 WHEREAS, In his leisure time, Dr. Griffin pursued such
6 outdoor activities as fishing, golf, scuba diving, and
7 bird-watching, and he was an avid card and domino player; he also
8 relished the time he spent with his family, which included his four
9 children, John, Jeannine, Jill, and David, as well as his numerous
10 grandchildren; and

11 WHEREAS, A skilled doctor, a devoted husband and father, and
12 an influential community leader, Dr. John Griffin excelled in all
13 of these roles, and numerous lives were enriched by his kindness and
14 compassion; now, therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
16 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Dr. John Wallace
17 Griffin and extend sincere sympathy to the members of his family: to
18 his wife, Marian McCutcheon Griffin; to his children, John Griffin
19 Jr. and his wife, Lynn Knaupp, Jeannine Griffin and her husband,
20 Paul Bunnell, Jill Griffin Stover and her husband, Lanse, and David
21 Griffin and his wife, Lisa; to his grandchildren, Griffin, Charles,
22 Randy, and Riley Bunnell, Greg, Cora, Ruth, Sarah, and Molly Jo
23 Griffin, and Anna and Clare Stover; to his step-grandson, Austin
24 Watts; to Abbas Shahdadi and his wife, Nazanin Shahdadi; to Lesley
25 Clark and his wife, Colleen Smith; and to his other relatives and
26 friends; and, be it further

27 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be

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1 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
2 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Dr. John
3 Wallace Griffin.