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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The city of Amarillo lost one of its most  
2 influential civic and religious leaders with the passing of  
3 Dr. Winfred Moore on May 8, 2015, at the age of 95; and

4 WHEREAS, Born on February 15, 1920, Winfred Moore was a  
5 native of Tennessee, where he attended Lambuth College, George  
6 Peabody University, and Union University; while studying at the  
7 latter institution, he met his future wife, Elizabeth, and the  
8 couple ultimately shared a rewarding 71-year marriage and became  
9 the parents of three children, Fred, Anne, and Maria; and

10 WHEREAS, Called to the ministry at 19 years of age, this  
11 dedicated pastor went on to lead congregations in Tennessee,  
12 Mississippi, Texas, and Alabama before joining First Baptist Church  
13 Amarillo in 1959; he guided the church for the next three decades,  
14 making a positive difference in the lives of countless area  
15 residents; renowned for his powerful sermons, he was equally  
16 admired for the wise counsel he offered to those who sought his  
17 advice, including everyone from First Baptist congregants to  
18 individuals who contacted him from other states; he was highly  
19 respected by his peers and held such important offices as president  
20 of the Baptist General Convention of Texas and first vice president  
21 of the Southern Baptist Convention; and

22 WHEREAS, Deeply devoted to his adopted hometown, Dr. Moore  
23 played a prominent role in numerous organizations and initiatives,  
24 including the United Way of Amarillo and Canyon, the Rotary Club of

1 Amarillo, the Ronald McDonald House, and the "Our Town" movement;  
2 his stature in the city was such that he was twice named the  
3 *Amarillo Globe-News* Man of the Year, and the chamber of commerce  
4 hosted a special event in 1989 to honor him for his contributions;  
5 that same year, he retired from First Baptist Church Amarillo and  
6 moved to Waco to join the faculty at Baylor University; in the  
7 mid-2000s, he and Mrs. Moore returned to Amarillo, and he spent the  
8 last decade of his life in the city that he loved so well; and

9         WHEREAS, The "Panhandle Pastor" with the booming voice,  
10 Winfred Moore served as a source of strength, wisdom, and  
11 encouragement for all those who had the good fortune to know him,  
12 and his outstanding record of service will continue to inspire the  
13 citizens of Amarillo for many years to come; now, therefore, be it

14         RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas  
15 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Dr. Winfred Moore and  
16 extend sincere sympathy to the members of his family: to his son,  
17 Fred Moore, and his wife, Cathy; to his daughters, Anne Preston and  
18 Maria Patterson; to his grandchildren, Amy Tankersley, James  
19 Preston and his wife, Stacey, Trey Moore and his wife, Amanda,  
20 Mollye Erickson and her husband, Jeremy, Will Patterson and his  
21 wife, Melanie, and Christian Moore Patterson; to his  
22 great-grandchildren, Caroline and Beck Tankersley, J. P. and Becca  
23 Preston, Wils and Coulter Moore, William D. Patterson III, and  
24 Hannah Patterson; to his sisters, Betty Gass and her husband, Jim,  
25 and Phyllis Riley and her husband, Bud; and to his other relatives  
26 and many 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  
3 Dr. Winfred Moore.