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H.R. No. 1594

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The life of an admired educator and devoted family
2 man came to an untimely end with the passing of Dr. David Kirk
3 Wittenburg of El Paso on October 26, 2015, at the age of 53; and

4 WHEREAS, Born on March 6, 1962, to Joe and Ruthy Wittenburg,
5 David Wittenburg grew up with a brother, Alex, and three sisters,
6 Leslie, Donna, and Michelle; he attended public schools in Lometa,
7 where he excelled in track and field and other sports, and his
8 interest in athletics led him to obtain a bachelor's degree in
9 physical education from Angelo State University; following his
10 graduation, he began his career as a physical education teacher and
11 coach in the Northside Independent School District in San Antonio;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, During his time as a schoolteacher, Dr. Wittenburg
14 developed an interest in studying the cardiovascular health of
15 children; he returned to college, earning a master's degree in
16 physical education from Texas State University and a Ph.D. in
17 kinesiology from Texas A&M University; he went on to hold faculty
18 appointments at New Mexico State University, the University of New
19 Mexico, and The University of Texas at Brownsville before being
20 hired to chair the Department of Kinesiology at The University of
21 Texas at El Paso; over the course of his career, his work was
22 presented at conferences hosted by the American College of Sports
23 Medicine and Frontiers of Cardiology, as well as at the
24 International Obesity Conference, and he was a member of the ACSM

1 and the National Strength and Conditioning Association; and

2 WHEREAS, Although he found great fulfillment in his career,
3 the foremost priority in Dr. Wittenburg's life was his family;
4 devoted to his wife, Cynthia, he took great pride in his children,
5 Caleb, Joshua, Matthew, Kristen, and Tara, and in his grandsons,
6 Ellis, Jackman, and Wyatt; he was fond of the outdoors and delighted
7 in spending time on his ranch in Lometa, and he also took the family
8 on frequent trips to New Mexico, where he fell in love with the
9 desert and the mountains; and

10 WHEREAS, Dr. David Wittenburg enjoyed a life that was rich in
11 personal and professional achievements, and he will long be
12 remembered with admiration and affection by those he leaves behind;
13 now, therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
15 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Dr. David Kirk
16 Wittenburg and extend sincere condolences to his relatives and
17 friends; and, be it further

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