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H.R. No. 2558

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Residents of Marshall lost an admired civic leader,
2 educator, and broadcaster with the death of Frank John Lower on
3 August 16, 2016, at the age of 74; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in Kankakee, Illinois, on January 3, 1942,
5 Frank Lower was the son of Frederick and Nellie Lower; he grew up in
6 Colorado and completed his bachelor's and master's degrees at Adams
7 State University before going on to earn his doctorate from Florida
8 State University; on February 3, 1967, he married the love of his
9 life, Jacquelyn Dean Lower, and the couple became the proud parents
10 of three children, Laura, Malcolm, and Frank; and

11 WHEREAS, Dr. Lower taught at Georgia State University,
12 Metropolitan State University of Denver, Union University in
13 Tennessee, and Louisiana State University Shreveport before
14 joining the communications department faculty of East Texas Baptist
15 University in 1991; he served as chair of the department, and under
16 his leadership, ETBU launched its annual Christian Writers
17 Conference; following his retirement in 2006, he continued to teach
18 part-time for four more years; he established a strong rapport with
19 his students and was always willing to listen to their concerns; and

20 WHEREAS, A dedicated journalist, Dr. Lower covered both news
21 and sports for KMHT until his passing; he was extremely
22 knowledgeable about county government, and his distinctive voice
23 and passion for sports made his game broadcasts exciting for fans;
24 he was an enthusiastic supporter of local teams, and he faithfully

1 attended Marshall Lady Mavericks and Harleton Wildcats softball
2 games, at home and away; win or lose, he offered kind encouragement
3 to the young athletes, their parents, and their coaches, and he
4 earned the affectionate nickname "Dr. Frankensports"; and

5 WHEREAS, Dr. Lower served on the board of the Marshall Depot
6 Museum and worked tirelessly on projects such as the Santa at the
7 Depot event; moreover, he served as president and as secretary of
8 the Marshall Regional Arts Council, and he was an active member of
9 the Marshall Lions Club; he gave generously of his time and talents
10 to the Marshall Chamber of Commerce, acting as a judge at its
11 FireAnt Festival and performing in plays he wrote at Wonderland of
12 Lights events; in recognition of his contributions, the
13 organization presented him with its annual Mover and Shaker award;
14 he was a valued member of First Baptist Church as well; and

15 WHEREAS, Deeply devoted to his family and his community,
16 Frank Lower made a meaningful difference in the lives of his loved
17 ones and fellow citizens alike, and those who were privileged to
18 know him will forever treasure their memories of his
19 thoughtfulness, warmth, and wonderful sense of humor; now,
20 therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
22 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Frank Lower and extend
23 sincere condolences to the members of his family: to his wife,
24 Jacquelyn Lower; to his children, Laura Dean Lower and her husband,
25 Daniel Dohner, Malcolm Frederick Lower and his wife, Brandy, and
26 Frank Garrison Lower and his wife, Lydia; to his grandchildren,
27 Aaron and Jacquelyn Dohner and Amelia, Emery, Makenna, Henry, and

1 Maya Lower; to his sister, Jennifer Lower Weirick, and her husband,
2 Vance; and to his many other relatives and friends; and, be it
3 further

4 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
5 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
6 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Frank
7 Lower.