H.R. No. 2017

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, Wendell Herman Nedderman, former president of The University of Texas at Arlington, passed away on May 8, 2019, at the age of 97; and

WHEREAS, Wendell Nedderman was born on October 31, 1921, in Lovilia, Iowa, to Walter Herman and Fern Gray Nedderman; he graduated as valedictorian of Lovilia High School in 1939 and went on to earn a civil engineering degree with honors from Iowa State University in 1943; answering his nation's call to duty during World War II, he enlisted in the United States Navy and was commissioned an ensign and assigned to the USS *Patterson*; he participated in a number of campaigns in the Pacific theater and received eight battle stars for valor; and

WHEREAS, After returning home, Mr. Nedderman joined the civil engineering faculty at Texas A&M University in 1947 and eventually rose to full professor; during that time, he obtained his master's degree from Texas A&M and his Ph.D. from Iowa State University; in 1959, he moved with his family to Arlington, where he became the founding dean of the College of Engineering at Arlington State College, a position he held for a decade; he then served for four years as vice president of academic affairs, before being appointed president of UT Arlington in 1972; over the course of his 20-year tenure, the university experienced much growth and progress and distinguished itself as a leader in teaching, research, and outreach; Mr. Nedderman retired in 1992 but continued to teach part-time in the College of Engineering for more than a decade, and an endowed professorship in the school bears his name; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Nedderman shared 67 rewarding years of marriage with his wife, Betty Ann Nedderman, until her passing in 2015; he was the proud father of four sons, Howard, John, Jeff, and Eric, and he took joy in welcoming numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren into his family; active in many professional and community organizations, he held nearly every layman position during his 40-year-long affiliation with the First Christian Church of Arlington; and

WHEREAS, Wendell Nedderman's myriad contributions had a transformative impact on UT Arlington, and he has left behind a legacy of visionary leadership that will continue to resonate for years to come; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Wendell Herman Nedderman and extend heartfelt sympathy to his loved ones and friends; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Wendell Nedderman.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2017 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on May 27, 2019.

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Chief Clerk of the House