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R E S O L U T I O N

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

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

13           WHEREAS, After returning home, Mr. Nedderman joined the  
14 civil engineering faculty at Texas A&M University in 1947 and  
15 eventually rose to full professor; during that time, he obtained  
16 his master's degree from Texas A&M and his Ph.D. from Iowa State  
17 University; in 1959, he moved with his family to Arlington, where he  
18 became the founding dean of the College of Engineering at Arlington  
19 State College, a position he held for a decade; he then served for  
20 four years as vice president of academic affairs, before being  
21 appointed president of UT Arlington in 1972; over the course of his  
22 20-year tenure, the university experienced much growth and progress  
23 and distinguished itself as a leader in teaching, research, and  
24 outreach; Mr. Nedderman retired in 1992 but continued to teach

1 part-time in the College of Engineering for more than a decade, and  
2 an endowed professorship in the school bears his name; and

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

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

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

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