

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Residents of Mount Pleasant lost two beloved
2 neighbors with the untimely deaths of Dr. John M. Ellis and his
3 wife, Lucille Ellis, both of whom passed away on December 21, 2006;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, Born on June 1, 1917, in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma,
6 John Ellis graduated from Texas A&M University in 1939 and went on
7 to serve his country during World War II as a member of the U.S. Army
8 Medical Corps; in December 1942, he opened a private practice in
9 Mount Pleasant, where he became known for his compassionate and
10 integral approach to medicine and for his refusal to turn patients
11 away, regardless of their ability to pay; in addition to his
12 practice, he was instrumental in developing the Titus Regional
13 Medical District, which he served as a member of its board of
14 directors, and he also distinguished himself as interim
15 administrator of the hospital during his career; and

16 WHEREAS, Dr. Ellis gained national attention for his
17 extensive research on the benefits of vitamin B6, the findings of
18 which he published in five books; he retired on the 50th anniversary
19 of his first day of business, discarding for good the records of his
20 overdue accounts; and

21 WHEREAS, The former Lucille Haenni was born on September 18,
22 1920, in St. Louis, Missouri, where she developed a talent for art
23 at a young age; she went on to train as a commercial artist at the
24 Hadley Vocational School and subsequently studied life drawing at

1 Washington University; some of her earliest work included fashion
2 illustrations that were featured in *Harper's Bazaar*, *Mademoiselle*,
3 and *Vogue* magazines; and

4 WHEREAS, Following her marriage to Dr. Ellis in the late
5 1940s, Lucy Ellis remained a self-employed commercial artist, while
6 also fulfilling her role as a dedicated homemaker; in 1977, she was
7 instrumental in founding the Mount Pleasant Art Society, which she
8 continued to serve as a trustee, and she also taught a weekly
9 painting class in the community for many years; moreover, she was a
10 signature member of the Southwestern Water Color Society, which
11 honored her with its Merchant's Award in September 2006; and

12 WHEREAS, Devoted parents and grandparents, Dr. and Mrs. Ellis
13 were blessed with four children, Jeff, Gina, Joan, and John, 11
14 grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren, and the couple were
15 valued members of First Christian Church; and

16 WHEREAS, Dr. John Ellis made a positive difference in the
17 lives of innumerable people as a caring medical practitioner, and
18 the artistic gifts of Lucy Ellis served as an inspiration to many
19 area artists; although both will be deeply missed, they will long be
20 remembered with great affection for their meaningful
21 accomplishments; now, therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, That the 80th Legislature of the State of Texas
23 hereby honor the lives of Dr. John M. Ellis and Lucille Ellis and
24 extend sincere sympathy to the members of their family: to their
25 sons, Jeff Ellis and his wife, Nan, and John Ellis and his wife,
26 Jane; to their daughters, Joan Roberts and her husband, Charlie,
27 and Gina Baldwin; to their grandchildren, Charlie Roberts, Jr.,

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1 Candace Woolard, Tyler Roberts, Jason, Jeremy, Lauren, and Clayton
2 Ellis, Jimmy Baldwin, Rynee Rohloff, Alison Stutzman, and Adriane
3 May; to their great-grandchildren, Noah Stutzman, Zachary Rohloff,
4 and Brayden Woolard; and to their other relatives and friends; and,
5 be it further

6 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
7 prepared for the members of their family and that when the Texas
8 House of Representatives and Senate adjourn this day, they do so in
9 memory of John and Lucille Ellis.

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David Dewhurst

President of the Senate

John Casper

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 66 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on February 7, 2007.

Robert Haney
Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 66 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the Senate on February 26, 2007.

Lacey Spaw
Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: 12 MAR 07

Date

RICK PERRY

Governor

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SECRETARY OF STATE
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Secretary of State