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H.R. No. 134

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The untimely passing of Russell Charles Janecka of
2 Victoria on September 30, 2021, at the age of 61, has brought
3 immeasurable sorrow to the friends and loved ones of this admired
4 civic leader; and

5 WHEREAS, Russell Janecka was born in Victoria on May 2, 1960,
6 to Maynard and Esterleen Janecka, and he grew up with seven
7 siblings, Darrell, Richard, Karen, Jerilyn, Jill, Jean, and Neysa;
8 a graduate of Victoria High School, he enlisted in the U.S. Air
9 Force Security Service and trained at the Defense Language
10 Institute Foreign Language Center; he subsequently completed a
11 four-year tour in Berlin, Germany, where he worked in signal
12 intelligence as a linguist with the 6912th Electronic Security
13 Squadron; along the way, he continued his education at Victoria
14 College and the University of Maryland University College Europe
15 campus; and

16 WHEREAS, Following his father's death in 1986, Mr. Janecka
17 assumed ownership of the Janecka Insurance Agency, where he was
18 assisted by his sister Jill; he advocated for the industry at the
19 state and national levels and served on the Germania Farm Mutual
20 Insurance Association board for more than 30 years; among his
21 achievements, he was a Life Underwriter Training Council Fellow, a
22 certified insurance counselor, and a certified Leadership Fellow
23 for the National Association of Corporate Directors; and

24 WHEREAS, Mr. Janecka was deeply devoted to his community; he

1 spent a decade on the Victoria Planning Commission and chaired the
2 Victoria Chamber of Commerce board; furthermore, he was president
3 of the Victoria Adult Literacy Council as well as The Gabriel
4 Project of the Crossroads, and he helped facilitate the opening of
5 the new Bethlehem Maternity Home; for over 15 years, he acted in
6 stage productions for the Victoria Ballet Theatre, where he also
7 served as president; and

8 WHEREAS, In all his endeavors, Mr. Janecka enjoyed the love
9 and support of his wife, Gail, with whom he shared a rewarding
10 marriage that spanned more than four decades; he took great pride in
11 their three children, Robert, Julie, and Kevin, and their two
12 grandsons, Elliott and Malcolm; in his leisure time, Mr. Janecka
13 pursued a diverse range of hobbies and interests, and he especially
14 delighted in taking annual vacations with his family; a man of
15 faith, he was a valued congregant of Holy Family Catholic Church,
16 and through the years, he participated in numerous ministries; and

17 WHEREAS, Although Russell Janecka will be deeply missed, the
18 passion, integrity, and generosity with which he lived his life
19 will forever inspire all those who had the good fortune to know him;
20 now, therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
22 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the memory
23 of Russell Charles Janecka and extend heartfelt condolences to his
24 many relatives and friends; and, be it further

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

1 Janecka.