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H.R. No. 184

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Residents of Lubbock are mourning the loss of
2 admired District Court Judge Ruben G. Reyes, who passed away on
3 December 12, 2020, at the age of 56; and

4 WHEREAS, The son of Bennie and Alice Reyes, Ruben Reyes was
5 born in Dimmitt on March 21, 1964; he became the first in his family
6 to earn a diploma, graduating as valedictorian of Dunbar High
7 School in 1983; after completing his bachelor's degree at Yale
8 University and his law degree at Baylor University, he settled in
9 Lubbock to practice family and civil law; and

10 WHEREAS, A founding partner of Hurley, Reyes, and Guinn,
11 Mr. Reyes was appointed judge of the 72nd District Court in 2006; as
12 presiding judge of the county's drug court, he helped hundreds of
13 people overcome the challenges of addiction and realize their
14 potential; his advocacy had enormous impact across Texas and
15 beyond, and he shared his expertise as chair of the National
16 Association of Drug Court Professionals, as vice chair of the State
17 Commission on Judicial Conduct, and as a member of the Specialty
18 Courts Advisory Council; moreover, he was a mentor to numerous
19 members of the legal profession; in 2018, he was inducted into the
20 Stanley Goldstein Treatment Court Hall of Fame; and

21 WHEREAS, Judge Reyes married the love of his life, the former
22 Melanie Raff, on April 27, 1991; he took great pride in their two
23 children, Ross and Hannah, and he eventually knew the joy of
24 becoming "Rubes" to a treasured grandson, Denton; devoted to his

1 community, he served on the boards of such organizations as New
2 Legacy Home for Women and the Lubbock Dream Center, and he was an
3 elder of Church on the Rock; he enjoyed travel, the outdoors,
4 reading, and spending time with his family and many friends; and

5 WHEREAS, Although the untimely death of Ruben Reyes has
6 brought profound sorrow to all who were privileged to know him, his
7 wisdom, fairness, and compassion will remain a lasting source of
8 inspiration; now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
10 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of the Honorable Ruben
11 G. Reyes and extend sincere condolences to his loved ones; and, be
12 it further

13 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
14 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
15 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Ruben G.
16 Reyes.