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H.R. No. 257

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A life dedicated to music education has drawn to a
2 close with the death of Stuart Bird on January 21, 2021; and

3 WHEREAS, Born in Mansfield, Louisiana, Mr. Bird graduated
4 from Many High School in 1966, and he earned both his bachelor's
5 degree in music education and his master's degree in educational
6 administration at Northwestern State University; and

7 WHEREAS, Mr. Bird began his career teaching band at the age
8 of 19, and he went on to serve as band director for schools in
9 Louisiana and Texas and as director of fine arts for the Carthage
10 Independent School District; moving into administration, he was a
11 high school principal in Carthage and Jacksonville, and he later
12 became superintendent of Jacksonville ISD and Troup ISD; and

13 WHEREAS, Over the years, student bands under Mr. Bird's
14 direction won countless awards, and he served as a clinician for
15 all-district and all-region bands across Louisiana and Texas; he
16 was inducted into the Hall of Distinguished Educators at the
17 College of Education at Northwestern State University, and he was
18 named the NSU Alumni Band Director of the Year in 1992; at his
19 induction into the Carthage Band Hall of Fame, he had the privilege
20 of hearing "Bird's Battlin' Brigade," a march composed in his honor
21 by the director of bands at Texas A&M University; and

22 WHEREAS, Mr. Bird shared a rewarding marriage of 39 years
23 with his wife, Sharon, and he took great pride in their children and
24 grandchildren; and

1 WHEREAS, A devoted family man and an exceptional educator,
2 Stuart Bird lived a rich and purposeful life, and he leaves behind a
3 legacy that will continue to inspire all who were fortunate enough
4 to know him; now, therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
6 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Stuart Bird and
7 extend sincere condolences to the members of his family: to his
8 wife, Sharon Bird; to his children, Tracy and David Modlin, Adam
9 Bird, Ginger and Alan Colston, Kyle Bird, and Holly and Eric Lyddy;
10 to his grandchildren, Jacob and Abigail Bird, Braden Bird, Kyle
11 Modlin, Landry and Maddux Lyddy, and Patrick, Paige, and Payton
12 Colston; to his aunt and uncle, Betty and Noel Tipton, and to his
13 other relatives and many friends; and, be it further

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