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H.R. No. 446

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Clifton Belcher Benton of Carrollton passed away on  
2 October 31, 2020, at the age of 82, leaving behind a wealth of loved  
3 ones and friends to cherish his memory; and

4           WHEREAS, Born on June 9, 1938, Mr. Benton was an alumnus of  
5 the University of Georgia, where he pledged Kappa Sigma Fraternity;  
6 he answered the call to serve his country as a member of the United  
7 States Air Force, and while stationed at Wright-Patterson Air Force  
8 Base, he met his future wife, the former Evelyn Walker, with whom he  
9 shared 52 years of marriage; during his time on the base, he was  
10 twice cited for his work performance with Strategic Air Command  
11 4043; he and Mrs. Benton were later transferred to Washington,  
12 D.C., where they became two of the seven original members of the  
13 Defense Supply Agency; and

14           WHEREAS, After spending two years at the nation's capital,  
15 Mr. Benton worked for a decade for District Photo Inc.; he then  
16 returned to Georgia, going on to own and operate three print  
17 companies; he and his family subsequently relocated to Dallas,  
18 where he opened the Dreamhouse Furniture and Interior store and  
19 operated it until his retirement; in addition to contributing to  
20 his community as a business leader, he was an active Democratic  
21 Party chair in Carrollton, and during elections, he could always be  
22 found outside the Josey Ranch Library polling location encouraging  
23 people to vote; and

24           WHEREAS, Mr. Benton and his wife devotedly raised three

1 daughters, Deborah, Lisa, and Stephanie, and he was blessed to be  
2 the grandfather of five cherished grandchildren, Jake, Taylor,  
3 Connor, Trey, and Emmy; he enjoyed the love and companionship of his  
4 family, and with his magnetic personality and his inherently  
5 welcoming nature, he also endeared himself to many friends; and

6 WHEREAS, Those who were privileged to know Clifton Benton  
7 will forever remember his warmth, his generosity, and his wonderful  
8 sense of humor, and he will always hold a treasured place in their  
9 hearts; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas  
11 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Clifton Belcher  
12 Benton and extend sincere sympathy to the members of his family: to  
13 his daughters, Deborah McCarthy and her husband, Ed, Lisa Neel, and  
14 Stephanie Wade and her husband, Guy; to his grandchildren, Jake  
15 Wade, Taylor Neel, Connor McCarthy, Trey Neel, and Emmy Wade; to his  
16 sisters, Mary Elizabeth Benton Whatley and Lillian Benton Wilson;  
17 and to his other relatives and friends; and, be it further

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