

By: Murr

H.R. No. 1090

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Honorable Spencer Whitewood Brown, a retired
2 Kerr County judge and a well-respected member of the Kerrville
3 community, passed away on September 8, 2020, at the age of 80; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in San Antonio on September 10, 1939, to Werdna
5 Burton Brown II and Lydia Whitewood Brown, Spencer Brown was a
6 third-generation resident of Kerr County; after graduating from
7 Tivy High School, he earned a degree from Rice University in 1964
8 and his juris doctor degree from South Texas College of Law Houston
9 in 1968; and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. Brown went into private practice with another
11 attorney, Joe Burkett, for 9 years and then operated his own
12 practice for 13 years; he went on to serve as a municipal judge, a
13 justice of the peace, a county attorney, and an assistant district
14 attorney; in 1990, he was elected to the Kerr County Court at Law,
15 and he presided over that court, which handles divorce and other
16 family law issues, as well as juvenile, probate, and mental health
17 cases, for 24 years until his retirement in 2014; and

18 WHEREAS, Among his many achievements, Judge Brown oversaw the
19 implementation of video conferencing and other technological
20 improvements that greatly increased the efficiency of the courts;
21 his efforts helped the county clear its backlog of over 2,000 cases
22 to attain a 100 percent closure rate, and in total, he resolved more
23 than 51,000 cases during his tenure; he was also especially proud of
24 his role in creating a county collections department to ensure that

1 defendants paid fines and court costs; and

2 WHEREAS, Judge Brown enjoyed a rewarding home life with his
3 wife, Scooter, and he took great pride in his children, Spencer and
4 Mary, and stepdaughter, Michele, as well as in his five grandsons
5 and great-granddaughter; he loved spending time with his family and
6 friends, some of whom he had known from his high school and college
7 days, and he was also an avid golfer; and

8 WHEREAS, Spencer Brown served his fellow Texans with
9 distinction over the course of more than a quarter century on the
10 bench, and he has left behind a legacy that will long be treasured
11 by all those who held him dear; now, therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
13 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of the Honorable
14 Spencer Whitewood Brown and extend deepest sympathy to the members
15 of his family: to his wife, Scooter Brown; to his children, Spencer
16 Whitewood Brown Jr. and his wife, Rhonda, and Mary Suzanne Mooney
17 and her husband, David; to his stepdaughter, Michele Jeanette
18 Busco; to his grandsons and great-granddaughter; to his brothers,
19 Werdna Burton Brown III and Kelby David Brown; and to his other
20 relatives and friends; and, be it further

21 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
22 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
23 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Spencer
24 Brown.