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H.R. No. 1106

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Citizens of Victoria lost an admired member of the
2 business community with the passing of Earley Elton Calhoun Jr. on
3 May 2, 2021, at the age of 75; and

4 WHEREAS, The son of Mildred Stapleton Calhoun and Earley
5 Elton Calhoun Sr., Elton Calhoun was born in Trout, Louisiana, on
6 June 3, 1945, and grew up with five sisters, Hilda, Mildred, Margie,
7 Johnny, and Georgia, and a brother, Charles; he attended Yazoo City
8 High School in Mississippi and planned to work with his father in
9 the construction business, until Holmes Junior College offered him
10 a football scholarship; transforming from an indifferent to an
11 industrious student, he became the first college graduate in his
12 family, earning a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from
13 Louisiana Tech University; and

14 WHEREAS, Mr. Calhoun was employed for seven years by the
15 Union Carbide Corporation and then went into business as a partner
16 in Sparkman Industries; later, he joined Regional Steel, and in
17 1986, he became owner and president of the company; and

18 WHEREAS, Understanding the important role of community
19 colleges, Mr. Calhoun dedicated himself to expanding access to
20 higher education as a member of the board of the Victoria College
21 Foundation, which has provided scholarships to numerous area
22 students; moreover, he gave generously of his time and talents
23 through his service on various other boards and organizations; he
24 was a valued congregant of First United Methodist Church as well;

1 and

2 WHEREAS, On June 1, 1968, Mr. Calhoun married the former
3 Merle Ann Owen, and they were blessed with three children, Sherry,
4 Craig, and Jennifer; he eventually became "Deda" to nine
5 grandchildren, Kyle, Ryan, Mattie, Emily, Kate, Adam, Avery,
6 Patrick, and Hayley, and watching them pursue their interests and
7 participate in activities gave him his greatest delight; in
8 addition, he enjoyed fishing, playing golf, and traveling around
9 the world with his wife; and

10 WHEREAS, Elton Calhoun lived a rich and purposeful life
11 centered around his family and his community, and he will be
12 remembered with deep affection by all who were fortunate enough to
13 know him; now, therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
15 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Earley Elton Calhoun
16 Jr. and extend sincere condolences to his loved ones; and, be it
17 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 Elton
21 Calhoun.