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H.R. No. 1244

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Family and friends will forever treasure their  
2 memories of the Reverend Gerald Lee Nichols of Richardson, who died  
3 on April 12, 2021, at the age of 87; and

4           WHEREAS, Jerry Nichols was born in St. Louis, Missouri, on  
5 April 25, 1933; he met his future wife, Rose Marie, on a blind date  
6 in 1952, and the couple were married a few months later and went on  
7 to spend the next 68 years together; they were blessed with two  
8 children, Daniel and Danette, and they later welcomed into their  
9 family a son-in-law, Joe, and two grandchildren, Elijah and  
10 Mackenzie; and

11           WHEREAS, Reverend Nichols earned his master of divinity  
12 degree from Concordia Seminary in St. Louis and was ordained as a  
13 Lutheran minister in 1960, and he devoted much of his 38-year  
14 pastoral career to establishing new churches throughout Texas; even  
15 after his retirement in 1998, he continued working with ministries  
16 for children and those with disabilities, visiting nursing homes,  
17 and helping to start new congregations; in the past eight years, he  
18 logged more than 4,200 hours ministering to families as a volunteer  
19 chaplain at Methodist Richardson Medical Center, and he and his  
20 wife participated for several years in the cross-cultural ministry  
21 at Living Water Community Church; and

22           WHEREAS, Engaged in political and civic affairs as well,  
23 Reverend Nichols served as a volunteer for his state representative  
24 and as a member of the Texas Silver-Haired Legislature; in

1 addition, he was a graduate of Leadership Richardson and a member of  
2 his homeowner's association; and

3 WHEREAS, Jerry Nichols lived a rich and purposeful life  
4 devoted to his family, his faith, and his community, and those who  
5 were privileged to share in this esteemed man's love and friendship  
6 will always remember him with admiration and affection; now,  
7 therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas  
9 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of the Reverend Gerald  
10 Lee Nichols and extend heartfelt sympathy to all who mourn his  
11 passing; and, be it further

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