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H.R. No. 80

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Lone Star State lost a respected business and
2 community leader with the death of Barry Gerard Andrews of Dallas on
3 September 19, 2023, at the age of 77; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in Electra on April 4, 1946, Mr. Andrews was
5 the son of Jewell and Homer Andrews, and he was raised in Corpus
6 Christi with his two siblings, Trey and Judy; following his
7 graduation from Carroll High School, he attended Southwest Texas
8 State University; he married his high school sweetheart, Lana, and
9 they went on to share a rewarding union that spanned 56 years; and

10 WHEREAS, In 1976, the couple founded Andrews Distributing in
11 Corpus Christi, and three years later, Mr. Andrews became the
12 youngest person to be awarded a distributorship by Miller Brewing
13 Company; under his visionary leadership, the business experienced
14 significant growth, and in 1994, its headquarters moved to Dallas;
15 eventually, the company expanded to serve 26 counties in North and
16 South Texas, with five locations across the state; along the way,
17 Mr. Andrews distinguished himself through his innovative business
18 practices, as well as the care with which he treated his employees;
19 in addition to his professional responsibilities, he was deeply
20 committed to giving back to the community; he was a member of the
21 Baylor Health Care System Foundation Board and MD Anderson Cancer
22 Center Board of Visitors; moreover, he supported cancer research
23 through the Cattle Baron's Ball in Corpus Christi and Dallas, and he
24 sponsored the annual MD Anderson Cancer Center Living Legend

1 Luncheons; his myriad honors include the National Beer Wholesaler
2 Association's Life Service Award, recognition as South Texan of the
3 Year, and induction into the Texas Business Hall of Fame; and

4 WHEREAS, A dedicated family man, Mr. Andrews took great pride
5 in his children, Natalie and Blake, and he had the pleasure of
6 becoming "Bare Bare" to his four cherished grandchildren, Madison,
7 Sophie, Curran, and Bain; he enjoyed entertaining loved ones at his
8 ranch in Papalote, and he also delighted in listening to George
9 Strait music, riding his mowing tractor, and rooting for the Dallas
10 Cowboys; a man of strong faith, he served on the Highland Park
11 United Methodist Church Pastor Parish Council; and

12 WHEREAS, Barry Andrews lived a life that was rich in personal
13 and professional achievements, and his contributions will continue
14 to resonate for years to come; now, therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas
16 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the memory
17 of Barry Gerard Andrews and extend heartfelt condolences to his
18 relatives and many friends; and, be it further

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