

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Residents of Brazoria County lost an admired civic
2 leader with the passing of former county sheriff and county judge
3 E. J. King on August 1, 2023, at the age of 79; and

4 WHEREAS, A veteran of the U.S. Army, "Joe" King served with
5 the Texas Department of Public Safety for a dozen years before
6 joining the Brazoria Police Department as a lieutenant; he was
7 elected sheriff in 1980, and over the course of an exemplary 24-year
8 tenure, he implemented significant reforms and upgraded facilities
9 and equipment; moreover, he set a sterling example of courage,
10 dedication, and integrity in the pursuit of justice and the
11 furtherance of public safety; elected county judge in 2006, he
12 worked tirelessly to improve infrastructure and enhance the quality
13 of life in the rapidly growing area; in all his endeavors, he
14 fostered an environment of trust and cooperation with his staff and
15 developed strong connections with residents of the diverse
16 community; and

17 WHEREAS, Judge King gave generously of his time and expertise
18 to numerous charitable causes and civic organizations, including
19 the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association, the Brazoria
20 County Cattlemen's Association, the Brazoria County Fair, the
21 American Legion, and The 100 Club of Brazoria County; among
22 numerous accolades, he received the Distinguished Citizen Award
23 from the Bay Area Council Boy Scouts of America, the Outstanding
24 Alumni Award from the Alvin Community College Alumni Association,

1 and the Distinguished Alumni Award from the University of
2 Houston-Clear Lake; he was a cattleman all his life, and his
3 retirement in 2014 allowed him to focus more fully on his ranch;
4 above all, he was devoted to his family; he shared 32 years of
5 marriage with his wife, Jackie, and he took great pride in his son,
6 daughter, and four grandsons; and

7 WHEREAS, Joe King made a lasting, positive imprint on
8 Brazoria County through his visionary leadership, and although he
9 is deeply missed by those he left behind, they will treasure their
10 memories of his warmth, kindness, and empathy; now, therefore, be
11 it

12 RESOLVED, That the 88th Legislature of the State of Texas,
13 4th Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the life of the Honorable
14 E. J. "Joe" King and extend sincere sympathy to all who mourn his
15 passing; and, be it further

16 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
17 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
18 Representatives and Senate adjourn this day, they do so in memory of
19 Joe King.

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President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 15 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on November 17, 2023.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 15 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the Senate on November 30, 2023.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor