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H.R. No. 44

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Residents of The Colony are mourning the loss of  
2 former mayor John Curtis Dillard II, who passed away on  
3 September 20, 2023, at the age of 75; and

4           WHEREAS, The son of John and Alice Dillard, John Dillard was  
5 born on August 30, 1948, and grew up in Bessemer, Alabama; while  
6 completing his bachelor's degree in business at Amberton  
7 University, he enlisted in the National Guard; he served  
8 principally in the 49th Armored Division of the Texas Army National  
9 Guard; over the course of 25 years in the military, he graduated  
10 from the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College and U.S. Army  
11 Armor School, and he retired as a lieutenant colonel in the Army  
12 Reserve; his civilian career spanned more than 40 years in the  
13 commercial building products field, and he won many professional  
14 awards before his retirement as a district manager with Siplast in  
15 2016; and

16           WHEREAS, Mr. Dillard was highly engaged in civic life for  
17 nearly four decades; after serving on The Colony City Council from  
18 1992 to 2002, he went on to serve two terms as mayor; he shared his  
19 expertise with the board of the Denton County Transportation  
20 Authority and Denton County Building and Maintenance Committee,  
21 among other such organizations, and he was a founding member of The  
22 Colony Economic Development Corporation, the Windhaven Peninsula  
23 Development Committee, and the HWY 121 Task Force; and

24           WHEREAS, Active in the Denton County Republican Party since

1 1986, Mr. Dillard served in numerous capacities, including senate  
2 district committee member, state delegate, and county chair; he  
3 regularly served as an election judge or clerk, and he was a  
4 founding member of the Denton County Conservative Coalition; he was  
5 also a longtime member of the Legacy Republican Club; in 2016, he  
6 was elected as the presidential elector for Congressional District  
7 26; moreover, he was an Eagle Scout and a lifetime member of the  
8 National Rifle Association and Texas State Rifle Association;  
9 sharing his skill, he served as a 4-H shooting sports instructor;  
10 and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Dillard was a man of strong faith and served in  
12 leadership roles at several churches; the devoted husband of Nancy  
13 Dillard, he took great pride in their children, Ashley, Elizabeth,  
14 and Steven, and three treasured granddaughters, Caroline,  
15 Penelope, and Eva; and

16 WHEREAS, Through his service to his community and his  
17 country, John Dillard set an inspiring example for all, and he will  
18 be remembered with great admiration by all who were privileged to  
19 know him; now, therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas  
21 Legislature, 4th Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the life of  
22 John Curtis Dillard II and extend sincere condolences to all who  
23 mourn his passing; and, be it further

24 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
25 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
26 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of John  
27 Dillard.