

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The passing of Jafar Rahim Salehi of Midland on
2 June 22, 2022, at the age of 75, brought a profound loss to his
3 family and many friends; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in Iran on February 12, 1947, "Jeff" Salehi was
5 the son of Aghdas and Ali Salehi; he learned English while
6 completing a bachelor's degree at the University of Kansas and went
7 on to earn a master's degree in mechanical engineering at Texas Tech
8 University; it was there that he met the love of his life, the
9 former DeeAnn McAlpine; after they married, his career took them
10 from Enid, Oklahoma, to San Angelo, and finally to Midland, her
11 hometown; and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. Salehi was employed by Cholla Petroleum and then
13 became the engineer for Endeavor Energy Resources, which he helped
14 to develop into a major company; in 2001, he launched his own
15 successful firm, Scythian Limited; he was a mentor to numerous
16 people along the way; although he loved the oil business, he had an
17 even bigger passion for working on his ranch in Harper, where he
18 grew wine grapes and anything else he could, as he had done during
19 boyhood summers at his grandparents' farm on the Caspian Sea; and

20 WHEREAS, Mr. Salehi was devoted above all to his family,
21 including his daughter, Cameron, and his grandson, Cyrus; in 2013,
22 when his wife was diagnosed with dementia, he sought out the best
23 doctors and treatments, and following her move to the Vogel Center
24 at Manor Park, he became a fixture at the facility; he brightened

1 the days of all he encountered with his radiant smile and marvelous
2 sense of humor; a man of faith and great kindness, he was a quietly
3 generous supporter of many organizations serving the Permian Basin,
4 including Midland Memorial Hospital, High Sky Children's Ranch,
5 Manor Park, and a number of local schools; he eventually
6 established the Salehi Family Foundation to further his charitable
7 giving, and in 2021, he received the Outstanding Philanthropist
8 Award from the Association of Fundraising Professionals; and

9 WHEREAS, Although Jeff Salehi is deeply missed by those he
10 left behind, his dedication to his family, his friends, and his
11 community will remain a lasting source of inspiration; now,
12 therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, That the 88th Legislature of the State of Texas
14 hereby pay tribute to the memory of Jafar Rahim Salehi and extend
15 sincere sympathy to his loved ones; 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 Jafar Rahim Salehi.

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President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 67 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on March 8, 2023.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 67 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the Senate on March 13, 2023.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor