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H.C.R. No. 67

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.