

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A life dedicated to social and environmental justice
2 and to the service of her nation drew to a close with the death of
3 Judith P. Ackerman of El Paso on November 6, 2022, at the age of 69;
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5 WHEREAS, Judy Ackerman joined the 28th Infantry of the
6 Pennsylvania Army National Guard in 1980, embarking upon a
7 distinguished 27-year career in the U.S. Army; she was one of the
8 first women to teach a course for primary noncommissioned officers
9 in the NCO education system, and she was a lesson developer at the
10 U.S. Army's Sergeants Major Academy and the first sergeant for the
11 Equipment Maintenance Center of 21st Theater Support Command in
12 Kaiserslautern, Germany; throughout her military service, she was a
13 champion for diversity and equal opportunity, and she retired from
14 the army in 2007 at the rank of sergeant major; and

15 WHEREAS, In 1995, Sergeant Ackerman transferred to Fort
16 Bliss, and she fell in love with the El Paso region; she was a leader
17 in the effort to declare the Castner Range of the Franklin Mountains
18 as a national monument, and in 2012 she handcuffed herself to a
19 bulldozer to protect the Rio Bosque wetlands from construction; she
20 also played a leading role in the development of the Knapp Land
21 Nature Preserve; and

22 WHEREAS, A member of the League of Women Voters and a
23 deputized voter registrar, Ms. Ackerman signed up thousands of
24 voters in El Paso County; she also helped to found the Viejitas for

1 Choice network to preserve reproductive rights; she was an active
2 member of many other organizations, including the Sierra Club, the
3 Friends of the Rio Bosque, the El Paso Chapter of the Native Plant
4 Society of New Mexico, the Trans-Pecos Chapter Texas Master
5 Naturalists, and the Frontera Land Alliance; and

6 WHEREAS, Judy Ackerman lived a rich and purposeful life
7 dedicated to conserving the natural splendor of El Paso and to
8 fighting for social justice, and her passion and commitment will
9 forever inspire all those who knew and loved her; now, therefore, be
10 it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas
12 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Judy Ackerman and
13 extend sincere condolences to her husband, Jamie Ackerman, to the
14 other members of her family, and to her countless friends; and, be
15 it further

16 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
17 prepared for her family and that when the Texas House of
18 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Judy
19 Ackerman.

Moody
González of El Paso
Ortega
Ordaz
Morales of Maverick

H.R. No. 63

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 63 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on March 8, 2023.

Chief Clerk of the House