

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The State of Texas lost a much-admired lawmaker and  
2 a friend to many with the death of former House Speaker Pro Tempore  
3 D. R. "Tom" Uher of Bay City on March 9, 2019, at the age of 81; and

4           WHEREAS, The son of Alfonso A. Uher and May Bittick Uher, Tom  
5 Uher was born in Bay City in 1937, and he grew up with the  
6 companionship of three siblings, Doris, LaVerne, and Myrna; he  
7 attended The University of Texas, earning a bachelor's degree in  
8 business administration in 1960 and a doctor of jurisprudence in  
9 1962; he went on to establish his own law practice in Bay City and  
10 continued to serve his clients for 55 years; and

11           WHEREAS, In 1967, Representative Uher won a special election  
12 to the House on his 30th birthday, December 16; his constituents in  
13 Matagorda, Wharton, and Brazoria Counties would reelect him 17  
14 times, and he served as speaker pro tempore from the 73rd through  
15 77th Legislatures; over the course of more than three decades in  
16 office, he chaired a number of committees, among them State Affairs  
17 and Redistricting, and he served on many others as well, such as the  
18 Public Education, Higher Education, and Ways and Means Committees;  
19 he was instrumental in the passage of Senate Bill 438, which  
20 excepted the expansion of Darrell K. Royal Texas Memorial Stadium  
21 from the Capitol view corridor guidelines, and he also took special  
22 pride in the passage of a bill he authored that granted MD Anderson  
23 Cancer Center patients access to care without referrals; and

24           WHEREAS, Charming and collegial, Representative Uher earned

1 the affection of all his colleagues; he commonly ended  
2 conversations by calling others "a great American," and he himself  
3 became fondly known as "the Great American"; he left the  
4 legislature in 2003 as the dean of the house, and he continued to  
5 share his wisdom and experience as a mentor to his friends and  
6 fellow elected officials; when not working, he enjoyed spending  
7 time outdoors, coaching Little League, teaching Bible study at the  
8 First Presbyterian Church, and watching football, especially his  
9 beloved Longhorns; and

10 WHEREAS, Representative Uher shared a rewarding marriage of  
11 more than five and a half decades with his wife, Ann Hagaman Uher,  
12 and they were blessed with two daughters, Christi Joe and Catherine  
13 Ann, and a son, Robert, as well as two grandsons, Christopher Joseph  
14 and Noah Carl Uher; and

15 WHEREAS, Through his steadfast dedication to public service,  
16 Tom Uher made a lasting, positive impact in the lives of innumerable  
17 Texans, and his contributions will be remembered for years to come;  
18 now, therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas  
20 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of the Honorable D. R.  
21 "Tom" Uher and extend sincere condolences to the many people in  
22 Texas and beyond whose lives he forever enriched; and, be it further

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

Morrison

Phelan	Guerra	Murr
Allen	Guillen	Neave Criado
Allison	Harless	Noble
Anchía	Harris of Anderson	Oliverson
Anderson	Harris of Williamson	Ordaz
Ashby	Harrison	Orr
Bailes	Hayes	Ortega
Bell of Kaufman	Hefner	Patterson
Bell of Montgomery	Hernandez	Paul
Bernal	Herrero	Perez
Bhojani	Hinojosa	Plesa
Bonnen	Holland	Price
Bowers	Howard	Ramos
Bryant	Hull	Raney
Buckley	Hunter	Raymond
Bucy	Isaac	Reynolds
Bumgarner	Jetton	Rogers
Burns	Johnson of Dallas	Romero, Jr.
Burrows	A. Johnson of Harris	Rose
Button	J. Johnson of Harris	Rosenthal
Cain	Jones of Dallas	Schaefer
Campos	Jones of Harris	Schatzline
Canales	Kacal	Schofield
Capriglione	King of Hemphill	Shaheen
Clardy	King of Uvalde	Sherman, Sr.
Cole	Kitzman	Shine
Collier	Klick	Slaton
Cook	Kuempel	Slawson
Cortez	Lalani	Smith
Craddick	Lambert	Smithee
Cunningham	Landgraf	Spiller
Darby	Leach	Stucky
Davis	Leo-Wilson	Swanson
Dean	Longoria	Talarico
DeAyala	Lopez of Bexar	Tepper
Dorazio	Lopez of Cameron	Thierry
Dutton	Lozano	Thimesch
Flores	Lujan	Thompson of Brazoria
Frank	Manuel	Thompson of Harris
Frazier	Martinez	Tinderholt
Gamez	Martinez Fischer	Toth
Garcia	Metcalf	Troxclair
Gates	Meyer	Turner
Gerdes	Meza	VanDeaver
Geren	Moody	Vasut
Gervin-Hawkins	Morales of Harris	Vo
Goldman	Morales of Maverick	Walle
González of Dallas	Morales Shaw	Wilson
González of El Paso	Morrison	Wu
Goodwin	Muñoz, Jr.	Zwiener

H.R. No. 89

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 89 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on February 7, 2023.

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Chief Clerk of the House