

By: Morrison

H.R. No. 92

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A rich and purposeful life drew to a close with the
2 passing of Richard Joseph Knapik of Bay City on October 14, 2021, at
3 the age of 72; and

4 WHEREAS, The son of Joseph and Eleanor Knapik, Richard Knapik
5 was born in Chicago, Illinois, on December 22, 1948, and he grew up
6 with the companionship of four siblings, Therese, Marie, Mark, and
7 Joseph; answering his nation's call to duty, he served in the U.S.
8 Army during the Vietnam War, and his military honors included two
9 bronze stars for heroism as well as the Combat Infantryman Badge; he
10 graduated from St. Vincent de Paul Preparatory Seminary and the
11 University of Colorado; and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. Knapik enjoyed a rewarding career as manager of
13 Bay City Plumbing Supply from 1980 to 1991, and he subsequently
14 served as director of the Bay City Chamber of Commerce and
15 Agriculture for 13 years; in 2004, he was elected mayor of Bay City,
16 and he held that office until 2010; he then returned to his position
17 at Bay City Plumbing Supply, where he worked until 2020; and

18 WHEREAS, Active in his community, Mr. Knapik served as
19 president of the Gulf Coast Chamber Executives, chair of the Texas
20 Chamber of Commerce Executives board, and president of Community
21 Actors of South Texas; his many honors include a Distinguished
22 Service Award from TCCE, a George Holst Award from the Matagorda
23 County Economic Development Corporation, and a Jack Wiech Fellow
24 Award from Lions Club Camp; he was also named the Man of the Year by

1 the Bay City Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture in 1998; and

2 WHEREAS, In all his endeavors, Mr. Knapik benefited from the
3 love and support of his wife, Nancy, with whom he shared a
4 fulfilling marriage that spanned 38 years; a man of deep faith, he
5 was a devoted congregant of First Presbyterian Church in Bay City,
6 where he served as an ordained elder; and

7 WHEREAS, While the death of Richard Knapik brings great
8 sadness to his family and friends, he leaves behind a legacy that
9 will long be treasured by all those who held him dear; now,
10 therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas
12 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Richard Joseph
13 Knapik and extend sincere condolences to the members of his family:
14 to his wife, Nancy Wirth Knapik; to his sisters, Therese Moscinski
15 and her husband, Rick, and Marie Banevicus; to his brothers, Mark
16 Knapik and his wife, Patty, and Joseph Knapik; to his
17 sister-in-law, Susan Owen, and her husband, Prentice; to his nieces
18 and nephews, Samantha, Ashley, Lindsay, Steven, Michael, and Haley;
19 and to his other relatives and many friends; and, be it further

20 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
21 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
22 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Richard
23 Knapik.