

By: Buckley

H.R. No. 322

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Memories of a life well lived may help to comfort
2 those saddened by the death of Clarence Ray Pennington of Salado on
3 November 17, 2022; and

4 WHEREAS, The son of Clarence Ray Pennington Sr. and Bessie
5 Irene Pennington, CR Pennington was born in Dallas in 1937; he
6 graduated from Forest Avenue High School in 1955, and he went on to
7 earn a degree in business from North Texas State Teachers College,
8 where he was a member of the Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity; on March 3,
9 1973, he wed the former Joyce Eaton, and the couple shared a
10 rewarding marriage that spanned nearly five decades; and

11 WHEREAS, In addition to serving in the Air Force Reserve,
12 Mr. Pennington enjoyed a successful career in the clothing
13 industry, and he was the owner of 18 retail clothing stores; in
14 1984, he and Mrs. Pennington purchased American Dance/Drill Team,
15 and he became vice president and chief financial officer of the
16 company; over the years, he helped to provide numerous scholarships
17 for dance students and teams, and in 2017, he helped to establish
18 the Joyce and CR Pennington Dance Education Scholarship at the
19 University of North Texas; he was honored with the Distinguished
20 Service Award from the Texas Dance Educators Association; and

21 WHEREAS, A devoted family man, Mr. Pennington took great
22 pride in his two children, Brad and Doug, and with the passing
23 years, he had the pleasure of seeing his family grow to include four
24 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; and

1 WHEREAS, Those fortunate enough to have known CR Pennington
2 will remember the way he touched their lives with his exceptional
3 kindness, generosity, and humor, and he will forever hold a special
4 place in their hearts; now, therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas
6 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Clarence Ray
7 Pennington and extend sincere condolences to the members of his
8 family: to his wife, Joyce Eaton Pennington; to his sons, Brad
9 Pennington and his wife, Tracy Melendez, and Doug Pennington and
10 his wife, Gina Goodson; to his grandchildren, Brittany Pennington
11 Dolotina and her husband, Jordan Dolotina, Coleman Ray Pennington,
12 Kylee Goodson, and Sami Selby; to his great-grandchildren, Jackson
13 and Mackenzie Dolotina; to his cousins, Janis Pennington Bell,
14 Cindy Pennington Murphey, James Pennington, and Carol Cox; and to
15 his many other relatives and friends; and, be it further

16 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be prepared for his
17 family and that when the Texas House of Representatives adjourns
18 this day, it do so in memory of CR Pennington.