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H.R. No. 496

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The family and friends of admired conservationist
2 and river advocate Sky Marshal Jones-Lewey suffered an immeasurable
3 loss with her death on May 31, 2022, at the age of 64; and

4 WHEREAS, Sky Jones-Lewey was born to Marjory Helen Scott
5 Jones and Elmo King Jones on May 26, 1958, in Uvalde; from an early
6 age, she dedicated herself to the preservation of natural
7 resources, particularly the Nueces River, which ran alongside her
8 family's property, the Open V Ranch; and

9 WHEREAS, For more than two decades, Ms. Jones-Lewey served as
10 the resource protection and education director for the Nueces River
11 Authority, an organization that works to preserve, protect, and
12 develop surface water resources across some 15,000 square miles of
13 South Texas; along the way, she led wide-reaching efforts to
14 control invasive plants and protect water quality and spearheaded
15 such award-winning initiatives as the Up2U Litter Prevention
16 Campaign, the Watershed Stewardship Education Program, and the
17 Riparian Landowners Network curriculum; and

18 WHEREAS, Ms. Jones-Lewey's other worthy endeavors included
19 championing legislation to prevent direct wastewater discharges
20 into the remaining pristine streams of Texas, and she was
21 instrumental in the passage of Senate Bill 155, which prohibits the
22 use of motorized vehicles in navigable rivers; she was also
23 involved in educating others about the need for river protection,
24 and she published several editorials and helped edit a number of

1 field guides on how to be a better steward of land and water
2 resources; in 2022, she was honored as a River Hero by the River
3 Network for her efforts to protect and restore local waterways; and

4 WHEREAS, Sky Jones-Lewey lived a rich and purposeful life
5 devoted to conserving the natural splendor of Texas, and her
6 passion and commitment will forever inspire all those who knew and
7 loved her; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas
9 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Sky Marshal
10 Jones-Lewey and extend sincere condolences to the members of her
11 family: to Jefferson and Cherie Lewey; to Julie and Liia Lewey; to
12 her grandchildren, Jack Mathis and Sonora Sky; to her many friends
13 and colleagues; and to all others who mourn her passing; and, be it
14 further

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