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H.R. No. 995

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 Will Martin Jr. of Victoria on January 6, 2023, at the
3 age of 74; and

4 WHEREAS, Will Martin was born in Wharton on August 12, 1948,
5 to George and Sarah Wleczyk, and he grew up with two siblings,
6 Juanita and Elizabeth; after graduating from Victoria High School,
7 he joined the U.S. Navy Construction Battalion as a steel worker; he
8 attained the rank of petty officer third class, and he served with
9 the U.S. Marine Corps and underwater demolition teams on tactical
10 missions; over the course of his civilian career, he was a senior
11 draftsman and mapmaker for the Golden Crescent Regional Planning
12 Commission, a geologist for Continental Laboratories, and a sales
13 consultant for Wholesale Tire Company in Victoria; and

14 WHEREAS, Widely known for his advocacy work, Mr. Martin
15 served as a commander of both Navy Seabee Veterans of America and
16 American Legion Post No. 166, and he was involved with such
17 organizations as Vietnam Veterans of America and Military Veterans
18 and Patriots; moreover, he was appointed chair of the American
19 Legion Department of Texas Legislative Commission, and he was the
20 executive director of Conservative Texans for Charitable Bingo; and

21 WHEREAS, In all his endeavors, Mr. Martin enjoyed the love
22 and support of his wife, Marilyn, with whom he shared 30 years; he
23 was the devoted father of four children, Melodie, Sonya, Mancie,
24 Tyler, and a stepson, Chad, and he also took great pride in his 11

1 grandchildren; his favorite leisure pursuits included football,
2 hunting, and fishing; and

3 WHEREAS, Deeply dedicated to his family, his community, and
4 his country, Will Martin earned the lasting respect and admiration
5 of all who were privileged to know him; now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas
7 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Will Martin Jr. and
8 extend heartfelt condolences to the members of his family: to his
9 wife, Marilyn Martin; to his children, Melodie Hall and her
10 husband, Lloyd, Sonya Talley and her husband, Mark, Mancie Beck and
11 her husband, Bill, and Tyler Neese and his wife, Emily Green; to his
12 stepson, Chad Neese, and his wife, Jenifer; to his sister,
13 Elizabeth Ward, and her husband, James; to his grandchildren,
14 Brandon Griffith, Danielle, Chloe, and Caden Luna, Becca and Sammie
15 Talley, Brodie and Coby Beck, Lizzy Neese, and Jessie and Jayden
16 Burton; and to his other relatives and friends; and, be it further

17 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
18 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
19 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Will
20 Martin.