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H.R. No. 1314

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Words cannot adequately express the sorrow felt by
2 the family, friends, and colleagues of Dr. Matthew J. Mann of
3 Pleasanton, who passed away on November 20, 2021, at the age of 49;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, The son of Kayla McKinney Mann and Anthony Mann,
6 Matt Mann was born in Lafayette, Indiana, and his family included
7 two brothers, Jason and Bill; as a result of his father's various
8 military postings, he lived in Germany, Hawaii, California, and
9 Colorado during his youth, and he graduated from Widefield High
10 School in Colorado Springs; he met his future wife, Sara, while
11 attending Adams State University; the couple married in 1994, and
12 they became the parents of two daughters, Kaytlyn and Emily; and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Mann completed their student teaching
14 in the San Luis Valley in Colorado, and he began his career with the
15 Sierra Grande School District; they then moved to Pleasanton, and
16 after a stint working with his in-laws in the produce industry,
17 Mr. Mann taught at Samuel Clemens High School and later at East
18 Central High School; in 2001, he became assistant principal at
19 Scobee Middle School, a position he also held at Jourdanton Junior
20 High School; over the years, he earned a master's degree and
21 doctorate from Texas A&M University-Kingsville and published four
22 articles on educational topics; and

23 WHEREAS, Dr. Mann became principal of Pleasanton High School
24 in 2012 and was named superintendent of the district three years

1 later; under his leadership, all four Pleasanton Independent School
2 District campuses earned high commendations; deeply committed to
3 literary initiatives, he read each week to a class at the elementary
4 school and purchased every student on the campus a book that he
5 would inscribe with a note; he was admired for his unique ability to
6 connect with students and make them feel valued; and

7 WHEREAS, In addition to his many professional achievements,
8 Dr. Mann was a youth soccer coach for 10 years and an active member
9 of the local Rotary club and MacArthur Park Church of Christ; he
10 previously served as a deacon at Pleasanton Church of Christ, and in
11 2017, he was named Pleasanton Man of the Year; and

12 WHEREAS, An inspiring educator and administrator, Matt Mann
13 made a positive difference in the lives of countless students, and
14 his contributions will be remembered and admired for years to come;
15 now, therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas
17 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Dr. Matthew J. Mann
18 and extend heartfelt sympathy to his family and many friends; and,
19 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 Matt Mann.