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H.R. No. 1463

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Andrew McCord Gilchrist of Houston, an accomplished  
2 attorney, a proud Texan, and a beloved father, husband, and friend,  
3 passed away on April 21, 2023, at the age of 55; and

4 WHEREAS, Born on September 16, 1967, Andrew Gilchrist was the  
5 son of Ralph and Mary Ann Gilchrist; as a child, he was passionate  
6 about sports, especially basketball; he excelled as an athlete at  
7 Memorial High School, receiving several All-State and All-Star  
8 honors, and he helped lead the varsity team to the state  
9 championship finals in 1984; and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. Gilchrist earned a scholarship to play  
11 basketball at Rice University, where he was a starter for all four  
12 years and was voted senior captain by his teammates; he led the team  
13 in field goal percentage for three consecutive years, and he  
14 received both the Most Valuable Player award and the Billy Wohn  
15 Award as the top male athlete at Rice; he obtained a degree in  
16 economics and managerial studies and then continued his education  
17 at the Southern Methodist University Dedman School of Law, where he  
18 graduated in 1993; and

19 WHEREAS, Mr. Gilchrist was as much a superstar in the  
20 courthouse as he was on the basketball court; he began his legal  
21 career at litigation boutique firms and earned his board  
22 certification in personal injury trial law; in 2000, he was hired by  
23 ExxonMobil as counsel in its Torts Litigation section, and he  
24 remained with the company for the next 22 years, serving most

1 recently as general counsel for ExxonMobil Risk Management, Inc.;  
2 over the course of his career, he met people who were not just  
3 colleagues but dear, lifelong friends and mentors; outside of his  
4 professional life, he was a member of The Church of St. John the  
5 Divine, the Houston Country Club, the Boot Ranch Golf Club, and  
6 Garwood Lease; and

7 WHEREAS, In all his endeavors, Mr. Gilchrist enjoyed the love  
8 and support of his wife, Laura Gilchrist, and he adored their  
9 daughters, Mackie and Ellie; he liked fishing, hunting, playing  
10 golf, and any activity he could share with friends and family, and  
11 he was always the life of the party and the star of the show; in  
12 addition to being a loving family man, he was devoted to his  
13 community and to his faith; and

14 WHEREAS, Although the passing of Andrew Gilchrist brings an  
15 immeasurable loss to his loved ones, they may take comfort in  
16 remembering the exceptional life he led and the many happy times  
17 they shared with him; now, therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas  
19 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Andrew McCord  
20 Gilchrist and extend sincere condolences to all those who mourn his  
21 passing; and, be it further

22 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
23 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
24 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Andrew  
25 McCord Gilchrist.