

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The life of a highly respected oil and gas industry  
2 leader drew to a close with the passing of Robert Leroy Looney of  
3 Evant on December 1, 2022, at the age of 79; and

4           WHEREAS, Rob Looney was born in Hutchinson, Kansas, on  
5 June 2, 1943, to Walter and Helen Looney, and he grew up with five  
6 brothers, Charles, Walter, Larry, Donald, and Harold, and a sister,  
7 Janice; a graduate of Iola High School, he earned an education  
8 degree from the University of Kansas and a juris doctor degree from  
9 its school of law; and

10           WHEREAS, Embarking on a career with the Phillips Petroleum  
11 Company, Mr. Looney served in its legal departments in Colorado,  
12 Alaska, Texas, and Oklahoma before settling in Austin in 1976 to  
13 become senior vice president of the Texas Association of Business;  
14 in 1982, he established his own legal practice; and

15           WHEREAS, Mr. Looney joined the Texas Oil and Gas Association  
16 in 1988, and during his 26 years as president, he oversaw a number  
17 of changes that led to the establishment of new industry safety  
18 guidelines and the responsible production of natural resources;  
19 moreover, he created the TXOGA Insurance Agency and the TXOGA  
20 Workers' Compensation Safety Group; additionally, he served on the  
21 Interstate Oil and Gas Compact Commission and with the U.S. Oil &  
22 Gas Association; upon his retirement in 2014, he was honored with  
23 the prestigious TXOGA Distinguished Service Award; and

24           WHEREAS, In retirement, Mr. Looney served the Evant Chamber

1 of Commerce as president, and he helped put into place the Evant  
2 Independent School District Heritage Foundation; in all his  
3 endeavors, he enjoyed the love and support of his wife, Charlotte,  
4 and his daughters, Stacy and Krissy; and

5 WHEREAS, Admired for his kind and generous nature, Rob Looney  
6 lived a life that was rich in personal and professional  
7 achievements, and he will forever be a source of inspiration to  
8 those he leaves behind; now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas  
10 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Robert Leroy Looney  
11 and extend sincere condolences to the members of his family: to his  
12 wife, Charlotte Bennight Looney; to his daughters, Stacy Looney and  
13 Krissy Lilljedahl, and their mother, Linda Strang Looney; to his  
14 son-in-law, Bobby Lilljedahl; to his grandchildren, Lila Grace,  
15 Jace, and Elli Lilljedahl; to his wife's children, Sheldon Bennight  
16 and his wife, Jessica, and their son, Jackson, and Shelley Barrett  
17 and her children, Gracie and Jett; to his brothers, Walter Looney  
18 and his wife, Lyndeen, Larry Looney and his wife, Jenel, Donald  
19 Looney and his wife, Sue, and Harold Looney and his wife, Chris; and  
20 to his other relatives and friends; and, be it further

21 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
22 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
23 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Rob Looney.

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H.R. No. 1863

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1863 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on May 25, 2023.

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Chief Clerk of the House