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S.R. No. 520

SENATE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Family and friends have suffered an immeasurable loss with the untimely passing of Alan Vera of Houston on May 4, 2023, at the age of 75, having recently celebrated his birthday on April 20 in the House Elections Committee; and

WHEREAS, Before beginning his successful business career, Alan Vera graduated magna cum laude from Loyola University with a degree in political and military science; Alan valiantly served his country as an airborne ranger in the United States Army from 1970 to 1974 and received multiple awards and unit citations for his service; during the Vietnam War, Mr. Vera completed 22 nighttime jumps behind enemy lines; and

WHEREAS, After his military career, Alan Vera served as the president and chief executive officer of Quest Business Agency beginning in 1984; he received many honors over the course of his distinguished business career recognizing his success and innovations in his field, including such accolades as Marketer of the Year from the American Marketing Association and Vendor of the Year from FedEx Retail Operations; and

WHEREAS, Alan Vera was one of the original founders of True the Vote and served as the Ballot Security chairman for the Harris County Republican Party since 2014; he worked with members of both chambers of the Texas Legislature to write legislation to improve election integrity and was named Volunteer of the Year

for Senate District 7 by the State Republican Executive Committee; Mr. Vera and his wife, Colleen, were honored with the Lifetime Achievement Award presented by the Harris County Republican Party at the Lincoln Reagan Dinner on March 23, 2022; Mr. Vera credited his strong Christian faith for the good he had accomplished in his life; and

WHEREAS, Although his journey on this earth ended too soon, Mr. Vera found great fulfillment in his work at the State Capitol, where he was present at the time of his passing to contribute his testimony on election integrity bills; Alan Vera made a positive impact in the lives of countless people through his compassion, empathy, and kindness, and his memory will forever be cherished by his family and friends and by all who were privileged to share in his life; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 88th Legislature, hereby pay tribute to the life of Alan D. Vera and extend sincere condolences to the members of his family: his wife, Colleen Vera; his seven children; his six beautiful grandchildren; and his many loving extended relatives; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That an official copy of this Resolution be prepared for his family as an expression of deepest sympathy from the Texas Senate and that when the Senate adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Alan Vera.