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RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, A life made rich through meaningful service drew to 2 a close with the passing of Jacob Creth Fuller of McAllen on 3 March 20, 2024, at the age of 83; and WHEREAS, The son of Jacob L. Fuller and Janet M. Fuller, Jake 4 5 Fuller was born in Brooklyn, New York, on December 27, 1940, and he grew up with the companionship of a brother, James; he lived in a 6 7 number of places throughout the United States during his youth, and he graduated from Abraham Lincoln High School in San Francisco,

9 California, in 1959; he went on to receive a bachelor's degree in journalism from East Texas A&M University in Commerce in 1964; and 10

WHEREAS, Mr. Fuller enjoyed a long and rewarding career in 12 public relations, and he worked at several firms in the Dallas area before opening his own consulting business, Starcom Consultants, 13

14 Inc., in 1980; under his able leadership, the company served a

variety of clients, including many in the health care field; he also 15 16 became active in local politics, and he contributed to Latino

political campaigns as well as the League of United Latin American 17

18 Citizens; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Fuller later made his home in McAllen, where he 19 distinguished himself as a dedicated health care lobbyist for 20 21 border communities, and one of his most notable career highlights was his successful marketing campaign in support of tort reform in 22 23 Hidalgo County; he also played an instrumental role in establishing 24 the Border Health Political Action Committee, and he led the Border

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- 1 Health Caucus for many years; in addition, he worked with state
- 2 leaders to secure a 10-year moratorium on the expansion of health
- 3 maintenance organizations in Cameron, Hidalgo, Webb, and Maverick
- 4 Counties; and
- 5 WHEREAS, In all his endeavors, Mr. Fuller benefited from the
- 6 love and support of his longtime companion, Luisa, and he took great
- 7 pride in his three children, Jay, Julie, and Brent, and his stepson,
- 8 Enrique; over the years, he had the pleasure of welcoming into his
- 9 family two grandchildren, Bladen and Jaden; a man of deep faith, he
- 10 was a member of McAllen First United Methodist Church; and
- 11 WHEREAS, An engaged citizen and a devoted family man, Jake
- 12 Fuller will be greatly missed, but the integrity, optimism, and
- 13 generosity with which he lived his life will forever inspire all who
- 14 had the good fortune to know him; now, therefore, be it
- RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 89th Texas
- 16 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Jacob Creth Fuller
- 17 and extend heartfelt sympathy to his relatives and many friends;
- 18 and, be it further
- 19 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
- 20 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
- 21 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Jake
- 22 Fuller.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 556 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on March 31, 2025.

Chief Clerk of the House