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H.R. No. 1239

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Former state representative Fred Charles Head of  
2 Athens, Texas, passed away on April 26, 2025, at the age of 86,  
3 bringing a great loss to his family and friends; and

4 WHEREAS, The son of Lou Ella Wilkinson Head and Alvie Charles  
5 Head, Fred Head was born in Troup in Smith County on February 22,  
6 1939; he earned his bachelor's degree in business from Southern  
7 Methodist University and went on to graduate from the SMU Dedman  
8 School of Law; a rancher, real estate investor, and attorney, he was  
9 honored in 2013 by the State Bar of Texas for his 50 years in the  
10 legal profession; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Head was elected to the first of seven terms in  
12 the Texas House of Representatives in 1966; during his tenure, he  
13 served as chair of the Higher Education and Reapportionment  
14 Committees, and he was a member of numerous other committees,  
15 including appropriations, energy resources, and penitentiaries; in  
16 the early 1970s, he was part of the anti-corruption "Dirty 30"  
17 movement in the legislature, and in retaliation, his district was  
18 redrawn to place him in the same district as the speaker of the  
19 House; despite sustaining injuries from a major car accident in the  
20 middle of his campaign, he won the election and returned to the  
21 House, having defeated a sitting speaker for the first time in Texas  
22 history; he was a delegate to the 1974 Texas Constitutional  
23 Convention and a serious candidate for the speakership; and

24 WHEREAS, Devoted to his loved ones, Mr. Head shared a

1 fulfilling marriage with his wife, the former Marsha Langston; the  
2 couple raised three daughters, Cindy, Cathy, and Mimi, and two  
3 sons, Mike and Fred; Fred Charles "Bud" Head Jr. passed away in  
4 1986, and in his honor, the family donated the historic Texan  
5 Theater building to the City of Athens for use as a multipurpose  
6 event venue; and

7 WHEREAS, A caring family man and a dedicated public servant,  
8 Fred Head will be deeply missed, but the commitment and generosity  
9 with which he lived his life will forever inspire all who had the  
10 good fortune to know him; now, therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 89th Texas  
12 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the Honorable Fred Charles Head  
13 and extend sincere condolences to the members of his family: to his  
14 wife, Marsha; to his daughters, Cindy, Cathy, and Mimi; to his son,  
15 Mike; to his grandchildren, Katie, Clara, Sloane, Felix, Chad,  
16 True, Regan, and Freddie; to his great-grandchildren, Tristan and  
17 Catalina; and to his other relatives and friends; and, be it further

18 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
19 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
20 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Fred  
21 Charles Head.