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H.R. No. 1254

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Family, friends, and colleagues are mourning the  
2 loss of David H. Brune, who died on January 13, 2007, at the age of  
3 76; and

4 WHEREAS, Born on April 23, 1930, to a navy family in Long  
5 Beach, California, Mr. Brune grew up in Hawaii and Washington; he  
6 graduated from Jesuit College Preparatory School in Dallas and  
7 served in the U.S. Navy; a member of the U.S. Naval Reserve for 30  
8 years, he was promoted to captain in 1975, served as inspector  
9 general of the Naval Reserve Readiness Command from 1975 until  
10 1980, and received a Navy Commendation Medal; and

11 WHEREAS, Following his active service in the navy, Mr. Brune  
12 attended The University of Texas at Austin, where he earned his  
13 bachelor's degree in 1953; in 1958 he graduated from the UT School  
14 of Law; and

15 WHEREAS, That same year he began his law career with the firm  
16 of Sawtelle, Hardy, Davis & Goode in San Antonio and soon became a  
17 partner; it was there that he first demonstrated his expertise in  
18 water issues, serving as general counsel to the San Antonio River  
19 Authority for six years and drafting the Act in 1961 that  
20 reorganized SARA; from 1966 until 1968 he was SARA's general  
21 manager; and

22 WHEREAS, In 1968 Mr. Brune became the first general manager  
23 of the Trinity River Authority; he left a decade later to join  
24 Dallas businessman Ben Carpenter in the creation of the Las Colinas  
25 development in Irving; Mr. Brune's expertise in water issues was

1 essential to the success of that community, which possesses the  
2 state's largest independent water system; from 1989 until 2001, he  
3 served as the manager of Las Colinas for Cousins Properties; and

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Brune contributed his expertise to the larger  
5 community of North Central Texas as well by serving as president and  
6 CEO of the Dallas County Utility and Reclamation District and by  
7 representing Irving on the board of the Upper Trinity Regional  
8 Water District; a member of the Knights of the Holy Sepulcher, he  
9 was active in the Catholic Church and was a longtime supporter of  
10 the University of Dallas; and

11 WHEREAS, In his leisure time, Mr. Brune enjoyed working on  
12 his ranch in Crowell; for nearly 50 years, he was blessed with the  
13 love and support of his devoted wife, the late Eleanor Brune; and

14 WHEREAS, David Brune played an integral role in the  
15 development of Las Colinas, and he leaves behind a legacy of  
16 achievement that will continue to benefit the lives of countless  
17 Texans for years to come; now, therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas  
19 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of David H. Brune and  
20 offer sincere condolences to his family: to his daughters, Claudia  
21 Sandbach and Elizabeth Hark; to his five grandchildren and  
22 great-grandchild; and to his other relatives and friends; and, be  
23 it further

24 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
25 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
26 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of David H.  
27 Brune.