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H.R. No. 588

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Family and friends are mourning the sad loss of  
2 realtor and community leader Joseph Alan Stivers of Huntsville, who  
3 died on October 10, 2008, at the age of 60; and

4           WHEREAS, Joe Stivers was born on January 20, 1948, to Frank  
5 and Elizabeth Stivers; he grew up in Houston and spent his  
6 adolescence in Germany and Switzerland; he attended Wharton Junior  
7 College and graduated from Sam Houston State University with a  
8 degree in journalism; and

9           WHEREAS, Mr. Stivers began his professional career working  
10 for Holiday Inn and highlighting local clubs and restaurants in  
11 "Huntsville After Dark," his column for the *Huntsville Item*; he  
12 then worked for Kansas City Life Insurance Company; and

13           WHEREAS, After working with several real estate brokers, he  
14 started his own company, Joe Stivers and Associates, and later  
15 purchased and served as principal broker of Elkins Lake Real  
16 Estate; he also served on the Huntsville Board of Realtors; and

17           WHEREAS, An active and engaged member of his community, Mr.  
18 Stivers served on the Huntsville-Walker County Chamber of Commerce,  
19 where he was elected president in 1998; he was an esteemed 21-year  
20 member of the Rotary Club, which recognized him as a Paul Harris  
21 Fellow; he also served as chair of the annual Lobster Fiesta for a  
22 number of years; and

23           WHEREAS, This outstanding Texan loved politics and was the  
24 Walker County chair of the Republican Party from 1980 until the

1 early 1990s, attending both state and national conventions; he was  
2 appointed by Governor George W. Bush to the Texas Commission on Law  
3 Enforcement Officer Standards and Education in 1997, was  
4 reappointed by Governor Rick Perry, and served until 2007; and

5 WHEREAS, Joe Stivers was a keen student of genealogy and the  
6 history of Texas; he treasured the time he spent with his family and  
7 friends, and those he leaves behind will in turn cherish their  
8 memories of the time they spent in his company; now, therefore, be  
9 it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas  
11 Legislature hereby honor the life of Joseph Alan Stivers and extend  
12 sincere condolences to the members of his family: to his wife of 32  
13 years, Maria Teresa Torres Stivers; to his son, Alexander Torres  
14 Stivers; to his daughter, Sonya Kay Holder, and her husband, Jerry;  
15 to his grandchildren, Justin Holder, Madeleine Holder, and Drew  
16 Holder; to his sister, Eileen Callaway; to his nephew, Christopher  
17 Scott Callaway, and his wife, Christina, and son, Quinn; to his  
18 niece, Marisa Callaway, and her husband, Matt Buckner; and to his  
19 other relatives and friends; and, be it further

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