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H.R. No. 147

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Residents of North Texas lost a beloved neighbor and
2 an admired community leader with the passing of Dan S. Petty of
3 Dallas on January 11, 2011, at the age of 71; and

4 WHEREAS, A native of Texarkana, Mr. Petty attended The
5 University of Texas at Austin on a football scholarship, graduating
6 with a bachelor's degree in civil engineering; he went on to earn
7 master's degrees in government administration from the Fels
8 Institute of Government at the Wharton School of the University of
9 Pennsylvania, in public administration from UT, and in electronic
10 commerce from the University of Dallas; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Petty contributed to his fellow citizens through
12 a lifetime of purposeful endeavor; he held such public service
13 positions as assistant city manager of Lubbock and Dallas, director
14 of urban affairs for the North Central Texas Council of
15 Governments, director of public affairs for The University of
16 Texas, and executive assistant to Governor Preston Smith; and

17 WHEREAS, The wise counsel of Mr. Petty further benefited the
18 Dallas Chamber of Commerce, which he served as president, as well as
19 the Dallas Convention and Visitors Bureau, Texas Economic
20 Development Council, State Fair of Texas, and Cotton Bowl Athletic
21 Association; in addition, as a member of the Super Bowl Bidding
22 Committee, he played an instrumental role in bringing the 2011
23 Super Bowl to North Texas; and

24 WHEREAS, Mr. Petty's distinguished career included tenures

1 as president of Henry S. Miller/Grubb & Ellis Commercial Realtors,
2 the Woodbine Development Corporation/Hunt Realty Services, and
3 Wilcox Realty Group; for nearly two decades, he led the North Texas
4 Commission, serving as president and CEO of the nonprofit group
5 that unites businesses, municipalities, chambers of commerce, and
6 higher education institutions to network and collaborate in
7 addressing regional topics and issues; and

8 WHEREAS, Active in a number of worthwhile civic
9 organizations, Mr. Petty shared his time with the Museum of
10 African-American Life and Culture, American Cancer Society, Cattle
11 Baron's Ball, Dallas Area Rapid Transit, Kindness Foundation, and
12 Dallas County Children's Services Task Force; moreover, he paid
13 tribute to our nation's troops by helping to create the Welcome Home
14 a Hero program at DFW International Airport; and

15 WHEREAS, This esteemed Texan earned many accolades for his
16 dedicated service; named a Texas High School Distinguished Alumnus,
17 he was also honored with the Dreamers, Doers and Unsung Heroes
18 Award, William J. Pitstick Regional Excellence Award, and Award for
19 Excellence in Community Service; and

20 WHEREAS, In all of his endeavors, Mr. Petty enjoyed the
21 support of a loving family that included his wife, Mary Jane, his
22 children, Adrienne and Kent, his stepchildren, Maggie and Robert,
23 and his seven grandchildren; and

24 WHEREAS, Known for his vision, honesty, and unflagging
25 generosity, Dan Petty made a positive difference in the lives of
26 countless people, and he leaves behind a legacy that will continue
27 to resonate for many years to come; now, therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
2 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Dan S. Petty and
3 extend sincere sympathy to the members of his family: to his wife,
4 Mary Jane Petty; to his children, Adrienne Watson and her husband,
5 Chas, and Kent Petty and his wife, Jennifer; to his stepchildren,
6 Maggie Culbertson and her husband, Geoff, and Robert Riley; to his
7 seven grandchildren; and to his other relatives and many friends;
8 and, be it further

9 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
10 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
11 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Dan S.
12 Petty.