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H.R. No. 814

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The untimely passing of Mark Lynn Cude of Pleasanton
2 on October 25, 2009, at the age of 47, brought a profound loss to his
3 family and friends; and

4 WHEREAS, A native of Pleasanton, Mark Cude was born on
5 November 22, 1961, to Bernadine and James Cude; he graduated as the
6 salutatorian of his class at Pleasanton High School and went on to
7 earn a degree in petroleum engineering from Texas A&M University in
8 1985; and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. Cude served as president of Cude Petroleum for
10 nearly a decade and opened another business, Riata Finance, in his
11 hometown in 1990; he later expanded the company to locations in
12 Floresville, Lytle, and San Antonio; his professional affiliations
13 included memberships in the San Antonio Retail Merchants Trade
14 Advisory Council, the Society of Petroleum Engineers, and the Texas
15 Consumer Finance Association; and

16 WHEREAS, Active in Republican politics, Mr. Cude held the
17 positions of chair and treasurer with the Atascosa County
18 Republican Party; in addition, he was a delegate at several Texas
19 and Atascosa County Republican Conventions, and in 1996 he ran for
20 Congress as the Republican candidate for U.S. House District 28;
21 and

22 WHEREAS, Mr. Cude was also an engaged member of his
23 community, lending his time and talents to such worthy
24 organizations as the Atascosa Family Crisis Center and CASA of

1 South Texas and giving generously to local schools and children's
2 programs; he served as president and director of the Pleasanton
3 Chamber of Commerce, as treasurer of the Pleasanton Cowboy
4 Homecoming Association, and as a member of the Jourdanton
5 Independent School District Vocational Advisory Board; moreover,
6 he co-chaired the Atascosa County Sesquicentennial Celebration,
7 participated in the restoration and rededication of the Atascosa
8 County Courthouse, and helped organize the Silver Saddle Ball; in
9 1993, he was honored as the Pleasanton Young Citizen of the Year;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, Those Texans who give freely of their time and
12 talents to benefit the larger community make the world a better
13 place through their actions and their example, and Mark Cude was
14 indeed one such person; now, therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
16 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Mark Lynn Cude and
17 extend sincere sympathy to the members of his family: to his mother,
18 Bernadine Cude; to his daughters, Emily and Chloe Cude; to his
19 brother, Weldon Cude, and his wife, Gayla; to his nieces, Stephanie
20 and Lindsey Cude, Aubrey Schulze, and Jennie and Jessica Baker; and
21 to his other relatives and many friends; and, be it further

22 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
23 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
24 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Mark Cude.