

By: Guerra

H.R. No. 90

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The citizens of Hidalgo County lost an esteemed  
2 legal advocate and a friend to many with the passing of David Haddon  
3 Hockema on July 1, 2013, at the age of 65; and

4           WHEREAS, Born in Temple on November 18, 1947, David Hockema  
5 was the son of Max Westley Hockema and Sarah Bedwell Hockema; he  
6 graduated from Kilgore High School and went on to attend the  
7 University of Arizona as a Division I college athlete; later  
8 transferring to The University of Texas at Austin, he earned a  
9 bachelor's degree in political science as part of the Plan II Honors  
10 program and later obtained his doctor of jurisprudence degree from  
11 the UT School of Law in 1973; and

12           WHEREAS, He ultimately established his legal career in  
13 Hidalgo County, where he represented clients from every walk of  
14 life; passionate about litigation and defending the underserved,  
15 Mr. Hockema relished the opportunity to prove his mettle against  
16 "big city" lawyers, and his keen legal acumen earned him a  
17 well-deserved reputation for excellence; he was a member of the  
18 prestigious International Academy of Trial Lawyers and the American  
19 Board of Trial Advocates, and he was named a "Texas Super Lawyer"  
20 every year for more than a decade; he truly loved his work, and even  
21 while ill, he continued to work on cases from his hospital room; and

22           WHEREAS, Mr. Hockema was preceded in death by his first wife,  
23 Yvonne; fortunate to find love again, he shared a rewarding  
24 marriage with his second wife, Nora, and together they took

1 frequent trips to Europe and South America; moreover, he was the  
2 devoted father of seven children, Anne-Elise, Jared, Jenna,  
3 Kathleen, Weslee, Perri, and Lauren; and

4 WHEREAS, This dynamic Texan delighted in outdoor activities,  
5 especially fishing, and he enjoyed many happy times on the water  
6 with friends; he was also known for his generosity and his sense of  
7 humor; and

8 WHEREAS, David Hockema was an attorney of great skill and  
9 compassion, and though his death has brought immense sorrow to his  
10 loved ones, he leaves behind a legacy that will long be treasured by  
11 all those who were privileged to know him; now, therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas  
13 Legislature, 2nd Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the life of  
14 David Haddon Hockema and extend sincere sympathy to the members of  
15 his family: to his wife, Nora Hockema; to his children, Jared  
16 Haddon, Jenna Leigh, Kathleen Elise, Weslee Anne, Perri Laine, and  
17 Lauren Isabella Hockema; to his father- and mother-in-law, Leo and  
18 Mary Longoria; and to his other relatives and friends; and, be it  
19 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 David  
23 Haddon Hockema.