

By: Sheffield of Bell

H.C.R. No. 52

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The untimely passing of State Representative Ken
2 Legler on June 1, 2012, at the age of 54, brought a profound loss to
3 the community of Pasadena and to the Lone Star State; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in Houston on December 27, 1957, Ken Legler was
5 the son of Clarence and Shirley Legler; he attended Pasadena public
6 schools and began his career with Houston Wire Works right out of
7 high school, rising to become president of the firm; he and his
8 wife, Barbara, bought the company in 2001 and went on to expand its
9 operations abroad; and

10 WHEREAS, Representative Legler first won election to the
11 Texas House in November 2008 and served the residents of District
12 144 with tremendous diligence and dedication; he shared his
13 expertise as a member of both the Environmental Regulation and
14 Pensions, Investments, and Financial Services Committees; with his
15 sunny disposition, he brightened the days of his colleagues at the
16 Capitol, and his wonderful sense of humor diffused tensions at
17 stressful times; he even dressed as Colonel Sanders at the end of
18 the 82nd Legislative Session to bring some welcome levity to the
19 proceedings; and

20 WHEREAS, This dynamic Texan was a district staff officer and
21 state liaison for the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary 8th
22 Coastal Region, and he mentored and supervised state liaison
23 officers in five states; he received a Coast Guard Unit
24 Commendation for operations excellence in 2010; and

1 WHEREAS, Before joining the legislature, Representative
2 Legler served by gubernatorial appointment as a member of the Texas
3 Commission on Environmental Quality Advisory Board for Small
4 Business; he also chaired the Federal Environmental Protection
5 Agency National Advisory Board, and he was a member of the boards of
6 the Texas Association of Business and the National Federation of
7 Independent Business; in addition, he served on the boards of the
8 local chamber of commerce and of area economic development
9 organizations; committed to the youth of Pasadena, he coached boys'
10 and girls' sports and gave generously of his time and talents as
11 commissioner of teen baseball; moreover, he was a valued member of
12 Zion Lutheran Church; and

13 WHEREAS, A devoted family man, Representative Legler shared a
14 fulfilling marriage of 34 years with Barbara Legler, who was
15 elected to finish his term in the Texas House; he was the proud
16 father of three children, Joseph, Krystina, and Kathryn, and the
17 devoted grandfather of Brendan, Tucker, and Olivia; and

18 WHEREAS, Ken Legler made a lasting, positive difference
19 through his outstanding leadership in business and in civic life,
20 and he is remembered with deepest respect and affection by all who
21 were privileged to know him; now, therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, That the 83rd Legislature of the State of Texas
23 hereby pay tribute to the memory of the Honorable Ken Legler and
24 extend sincere sympathy to the members of his family: to his wife,
25 former state representative Barbara Legler; to his children, Joseph
26 Legler and his wife, Victoria, Krystina Legler, and Kathryn Cruz
27 and her husband, Shelby; to his grandchildren, Brendan, Tucker, and

1 Olivia; to his brothers, Kip Legler and his wife, Linda, and Kim
2 Legler; and to his many other relatives and friends; and, be it
3 further

4 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
5 prepared for the members of his family and that when the Texas House
6 of Representatives and Senate adjourn this day, they do so in memory
7 of the Honorable Ken Legler.