

By: King of Parker

H.R. No. 451

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Lone Star State lost a distinguished jurist and
2 public servant with the death of the Honorable Ben Akers, who passed
3 away on July 10, 2014, at the age of 57; and

4 WHEREAS, Charles Benjamin Akers was born in Leon, Iowa, on
5 January 31, 1957, to Doug and Shirley Akers; he graduated from
6 Simpson College in 1979 and later enrolled at the University of
7 Houston Law School, where he received his juris doctorate in 1987;
8 Judge Akers subsequently worked as a prosecutor in Nueces and
9 Parker Counties before spending 17 years in private practice; he
10 was board certified in both criminal law and estate planning and
11 probate law, in addition to being licensed as a CPA; and

12 WHEREAS, This esteemed Texan was first elected to public
13 office in 2004, when the voters of Parker County selected him as
14 judge of County Court at Law No. 2; widely respected for his
15 fairness and impartiality, he won reelection in 2008 and 2012; and

16 WHEREAS, Judge Akers was a member of the Springtown Optimist
17 Club and a parishioner of Saint Francis of Assisi Church in Willow
18 Park; a man of many interests, he was an avid car enthusiast as well
19 as a master gardener; he also took great pleasure in spending time
20 outdoors and listening to his favorite band, the Eagles; in all his
21 endeavors, he enjoyed the love and support of his two children,
22 Maggie and Mark Akers; and

23 WHEREAS, Judge Ben Akers served the residents of Parker
24 County with unwavering integrity and devotion, and his

1 contributions to his community will not soon be forgotten; now,
2 therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
4 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of the Honorable Ben
5 Akers and extend sincere sympathy to the members of his family: to
6 his children, Maggie and Mark Akers; to his mother, Shirley Akers;
7 to his siblings and their spouses, Debra Dunn and her husband,
8 Randy, Sandy Higdon and her husband, Dave, and Dan Akers and his
9 wife, Veronica; and to his other relatives and many friends; and, be
10 it further

11 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
12 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
13 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Judge Ben
14 Akers.