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H.R. No. 690

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The passing of former state representative David  
2 William Crews on February 8, 2015, at the age of 81, deeply saddened  
3 the community of Conroe and brought a great loss to his family and  
4 friends; and

5           WHEREAS, Born in Karnes City on February 18, 1933, Mr. Crews  
6 graduated from Karnes City High School before earning his  
7 bachelor's degree from Baylor University; he completed his law  
8 degree at Baylor Law School in 1957 and subsequently opened a  
9 private law practice in Conroe, where he ably served his clients for  
10 more than a half century; and

11           WHEREAS, This esteemed litigator was Texas counsel for  
12 Western Waste Industries for many years, and he was a longtime  
13 attorney for the Montgomery County Housing Finance Corporation; in  
14 addition, he played a key role in the creation of the Montgomery  
15 County Hospital District, serving as the organization's legal  
16 counsel for 17 years; and

17           WHEREAS, Mr. Crews began his career in public service in  
18 1960, when he was elected to the Texas House of Representatives at  
19 the age of 27; for four terms, he proudly represented his  
20 constituents in Montgomery, Grimes, Liberty, Chambers, and Madison  
21 Counties, serving as a member of numerous committees and chairing  
22 the House Insurance Committee for two sessions; during his time in  
23 office, he introduced a number of important pieces of legislation,  
24 and his dedicated efforts were instrumental in the establishment of

1 the George J. Beto Criminal Justice Center at Sam Houston State  
2 University and the construction of North Loop 336 in Conroe; and

3       WHEREAS, An influential figure in the community, Mr. Crews  
4 gave freely of his time and talents as a member of the Conroe  
5 Chamber of Commerce, earning a spot on the organization's  
6 prestigious Wall of Honor; he helped organize the Tri-County MHMR,  
7 and he was a member of the Boy Scouts of America Advisory Board, as  
8 well as the boards of the Conroe YMCA, Allied Conroe Bank, and  
9 Allied Jetero Bank; moreover, he was an ardent supporter of such  
10 groups as the Montgomery County Food Bank, the Conroe Symphony,  
11 Montgomery County Youth Services, and the Conroe Salvation Army,  
12 and he was a congregant of First United Methodist Church in Conroe  
13 for nearly six decades; and

14       WHEREAS, Mr. Crews was a devoted father to his two children,  
15 Kelly and Matt, and he later knew the joy of welcoming three  
16 grandchildren, Branden, Morgan, and Will, into his family; well  
17 known for his charismatic and engaging personality, he especially  
18 enjoyed sharing stories and good conversation with friends, loved  
19 ones, and strangers alike; and

20       WHEREAS, Though it is impossible to gauge the full effect of a  
21 man's life, some people leave their unmistakable mark on the world  
22 as they move through it, and the contributions made by David Crews  
23 will long resonate in the lives of all who knew him; now, therefore,  
24 be it

25       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas  
26 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of the Honorable David  
27 William Crews and extend sincere condolences to the members of his

1 family: to his daughter, Kelly Kolodzey, and her husband, J. B.; to  
2 his son, Matt Crews, and his wife, Karen; to his grandchildren,  
3 Branden and Morgan Miars and Will Crews; to his sisters, Nonie  
4 Kendrick and Doris Puryear and her husband, Glynn; to his brother,  
5 Pat Crews; to his former wife and close friend, Becky Chapman; and  
6 to his other relatives and many friends; and, be it further

7       RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
8 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
9 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of David  
10 Crews.