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H.R. No. 3263

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The certain knowledge of a life well lived may help
2 comfort the family and many friends of Richard Alan Perkins of
3 Dallas, who passed away on February 26, 2015, at the age of 66; and

4 WHEREAS, Richard Perkins was born in Dallas on July 4, 1948,
5 to George and Effie Perkins; he earned the rank of Eagle Scout at
6 the age of 13 and graduated from Bryan Adams High School in 1966;
7 from 1968-1970, he served in the United States Marine Corps,
8 volunteering for a tour of duty in Vietnam in 1969; after he was
9 honorably discharged as a sergeant, he went on to earn an
10 associate's degree from Eastfield College and a bachelor's degree
11 from Amberton University; and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. Perkins began his professional career in
13 environmental health and safety, working for Western Electric and
14 Southwestern Bell; he later became a manager for Dallas Area Rapid
15 Transit before starting his own business remodeling homes; and

16 WHEREAS, In addition to his professional accomplishments,
17 Mr. Perkins devoted countless hours to support the causes he
18 believed in; a lifelong advocate for working men and women, he was
19 an officer with the Communications Workers of America, and Governor
20 Ann Richards appointed him to one of three seats on the Texas
21 Industrial Accident Board; and

22 WHEREAS, Active in Democratic politics, Mr. Perkins helped
23 with many local and state campaigns, and he distinguished himself
24 as secretary of the Texas Democratic Party from 1978 to 1982; party

1 leaders in Dallas chose him to introduce presidential candidate
2 Barack Obama at an area rally in 2008, and Mr. Perkins remained
3 enthusiastically involved in politics, even during the last months
4 of his life as he battled cancer; and

5 WHEREAS, Admired for his humor, generosity, and dedication,
6 Richard Perkins gave freely of his time and expertise to help
7 others, and he leaves behind a record of service that his loved ones
8 can remember with pride; now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
10 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Richard Alan
11 Perkins and extend heartfelt sympathy to the members of his family:
12 to his children, Ashley Berkowski and her husband, Dustyn, and
13 Lindsay Jedlowski and her husband, Steven; to his grandchildren,
14 Kendal, Jacey, Owen, Colton, and Avery; to his siblings, Don
15 Perkins and his wife, Mary, and Carol Logan; and to his other
16 relatives and friends; and, be it further

17 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
18 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
19 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Richard
20 Alan Perkins.