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H.R. No. 3639

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Family, friends, and members of the Katy community  
2 were greatly saddened by the passing of Katy city council member  
3 William Mack Lawton III on May 28, 2015, at the age of 65; and

4 WHEREAS, A longtime resident of Katy, Bill Lawton was born to  
5 William Mack Lawton Jr. and Nellie Rhea Wood Lawton on July 30,  
6 1949, in Uvalde; he graduated from Uvalde High School in 1967 and  
7 subsequently attended Southwest Texas Junior College ("Kicker  
8 Tech") in Uvalde; and

9 WHEREAS, On January 16, 1970, Bill Lawton married the love of  
10 his life, Margaret Rose Winans; he moved his family to the Houston  
11 area in 1975 and to Katy in 1978; and

12 WHEREAS, Throughout his nearly four decades in Katy,  
13 Mr. Lawton was deeply engaged in the life of the community; an  
14 active member of First United Methodist Church for 36 years, he held  
15 numerous leadership positions, serving on building committees,  
16 sponsoring youth mission trips, and helping and encouraging  
17 confirmands as a Friend in Faith; his myriad efforts in behalf of  
18 the congregation led to his being awarded the Lifetime Methodist  
19 Men's Award in 2015; he was also supportive of area students,  
20 serving as president of the booster organization for the band at  
21 Katy High School and as a judge for the FFA Livestock Show and Rodeo  
22 Parade; and

23 WHEREAS, In 2010, Mr. Lawton retired as general manager of  
24 Mac Haik Chevrolet, where he had enjoyed a career that spanned 29

1 years; with additional time to devote to the Katy ISD, he became a  
2 bus driver for special education students in the district; and

3 WHEREAS, Bill Lawton also gave generously of his time to the  
4 city he loved as a member of the Katy Convention & Tourism Bureau  
5 and the City Planning & Zoning Commission; widely admired for his  
6 civic leadership, he was elected to the city council in 2011, and he  
7 was so popular that he ran unopposed in 2013 and 2015; and

8 WHEREAS, Bill Lawton was proud to be a leader in the Katy  
9 community, where he served as an inspiration to countless residents  
10 and where he leaves behind a legacy that will continue to resonate  
11 for many years to come; now, therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas  
13 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Bill Lawton and  
14 extend sincere condolences to all those who mourn his passing; and,  
15 be it further

16 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
17 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
18 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of William  
19 Mack "Bill" Lawton.