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H.R. No. 28

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, A life of professional achievement and dedicated  
2 public service drew to a close with the passing of John A. Pope III  
3 of Rio Grande City on June 9, 2017, at the age of 86; and

4           WHEREAS, The son of John A. Pope Jr. and Raquel Valle Pope,  
5 John Pope was born on June 9, 1931, in Rio Grande City, and he grew  
6 up with the companionship of a sister, Dollie, and a brother, Bill;  
7 after graduating from St. Joseph's Academy in Laredo, he went on to  
8 earn his bachelor's degree from Texas A&M University and his law  
9 degree from St. Mary's University School of Law; he also answered  
10 his nation's call to duty by serving in the U.S. Army and Army  
11 Reserve; and

12           WHEREAS, In 1955, Mr. Pope went into private practice  
13 alongside his father, and he later worked as a partner at Atlas &  
14 Hall; over the course of his distinguished law career, he held a  
15 number of public offices as well; he was elected as Starr County  
16 attorney in 1969, and in 1995, Governor George W. Bush appointed him  
17 judge of the 381st Judicial District, a post he held for more than a  
18 decade; furthermore, he was named first assistant district attorney  
19 of the 229th Judicial District in 2013; and

20           WHEREAS, In addition to fulfilling his professional duties,  
21 Mr. Pope gave back to his community as a member of the Rio Grande  
22 City school board, the Knights of Columbus, the Lions Club, and the  
23 Rio Grande City Rotary Club; a man of deep faith, he was also a  
24 longtime member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Rio

1 Grande City; and

2 WHEREAS, In all his endeavors, Mr. Pope enjoyed the love and  
3 support of his wife, Ana, and he was the proud father of a daughter,  
4 Mayela Teresa Pope, and a son, John A. Pope IV; and

5 WHEREAS, Although the loss of this esteemed public servant is  
6 difficult to bear, John Pope leaves behind a legacy of dedication to  
7 his family, his faith, and his fellow citizens that remains to  
8 comfort and inspire all who were fortunate enough to know him; now,  
9 therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas  
11 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the memory  
12 of John A. Pope III and extend heartfelt sympathy to his relatives  
13 and friends; and, be it further

14 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
15 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
16 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of John Pope.