R E S O L U T I O N

1   WHEREAS, Family and friends will long cherish their memories
2 of William Sumerford of Amarillo, who passed away on August 1, 2017,
3 at the age of 76; and

4   WHEREAS, The son of William and Emma Sumerford, Bill
5 Sumerford was born on April 22, 1941, in Temple, and after
6 graduating from high school in Midland, he earned a bachelor's
7 degree from Texas Tech University; he went on to work as a refinery
8 engineer for Sun Oil Company and later for Oryx Energies, from which
9 he retired in 2000; and

10   WHEREAS, After relocating to Amarillo, Mr. Sumerford became
11 actively involved in local politics; over the years, he served as
12 secretary of the Potter County Republican Party executive
13 committee, and in 2011 he was recognized by the Republican Party of
14 Texas as Volunteer of the Year in Senate District 31; he further
15 gave of his time and talents by repairing old computers, which he
16 donated to nonprofit organizations; and

17   WHEREAS, Mr. Sumerford was the devoted husband of Kathy
18 Sumerford and the proud father of two sons, Christopher and Jim, and
19 four daughters, Dawn, Sherry, Tricia, and Sheryl; he also
20 experienced the joy of welcoming 11 grandchildren and 10
21 great-grandchildren into his family; and

22   WHEREAS, Although Bill Sumerford will be deeply missed, he
23 leaves behind a record of civic engagement and service to others
24 that will continue to inspire all those who knew and loved him; now,

1 therefore, be it

2   RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas

3 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the memory

4 of Bill Sumerford and extend heartfelt sympathy to his family and

5 many friends; and, be it further

6   RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be

7 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of

8 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Bill

9 Sumerford.

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H.R. No. 419

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<div align="right">Speaker of the House</div>

I certify that H.R. No. 419 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on August 15, 2017.

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<div align="right">Chief Clerk of the House</div>