

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A full and generous life drew to a close with the
2 death of Henry Rugeley Ferguson of San Antonio on January 2, 2017,
3 at the age of 86; and

4 WHEREAS, Rugeley Ferguson was born in Houston on April 11,
5 1930, to William Brownlee Ferguson Jr. and Mary Le Tulle Rugeley; he
6 attended Sewanee Military Academy and The University of Texas at
7 Austin, and in his senior year, he was drafted into the U.S. Army;
8 he served with distinction at Inchon in Korea from 1953 to 1955,
9 earning the Bronze Star and retiring in the reserves at the rank of
10 captain; and

11 WHEREAS, In 1963, Mr. Ferguson married Kittie West Nelson,
12 and the couple shared nearly four decades together; he was the proud
13 father of two children, Kittie West Ferguson and Henry Rugeley
14 Ferguson Jr., and later in life he was blessed with two
15 grandchildren, Reese and Presley; and

16 WHEREAS, Over the course of his working life, Mr. Ferguson
17 looked after his family's ranch near Bay City, traveled the rodeo
18 circuit as a professional bronc rider, managed the 20,000 acres of
19 Hashknife Ranches, and bred and raised horses; and

20 WHEREAS, Mr. Ferguson served his community as a director of
21 Texas Agribusiness and Port City Stockyards and the Scobey Moving
22 and Storage Company, as president of the San Antonio Zoological
23 Society and the Southwest Texas Methodist Hospital Foundation, and
24 as a board member of Sunshine Cottage School for Deaf Children, the

1 San Antonio Museum Association, and the Charity Ball Association,
2 among others; in addition, he was a member of the San Antonio
3 Country Club, the Argyle Club, and Club Giraud, and he served as a
4 Special Texas Ranger; and

5 WHEREAS, A man of diverse interests, Mr. Ferguson rode horses
6 until well into his 60s, logged more than 100 hours as a scuba diver
7 in the Caribbean, and enjoyed hunting with his friends and
8 acquaintances; he also took delight in travel, lively conversation,
9 and art, and his extensive personal collection of Wedgwood china is
10 on loan to the San Antonio Museum of Art; and

11 WHEREAS, A true Texas gentleman, Rugeley Ferguson lived his
12 life to the fullest, and he will forever remain a vibrant presence
13 for those who knew and loved him; now, therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
15 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Henry Rugeley
16 Ferguson and extend heartfelt sympathy to all who mourn his
17 passing; and, be it further

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

Larson

H.R. No. 731

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 731 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on March 16, 2017.

Chief Clerk of the House