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H.R. No. 1853

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The death of Robert Michael Jelinek of Beaumont on
2 February 14, 2016, at the age of 72, brought a great loss to his
3 family, his friends, and his colleagues in the construction
4 business; and

5 WHEREAS, Born in Dallas on September 19, 1943, Mike Jelinek
6 was the son of Frank and Margaret Jelinek; he graduated from
7 Beaumont High School and went on to attend The University of Texas
8 at Austin and Lamar University; in 1965, after returning to
9 Beaumont, he married the love of his life, the former Lynn Sory; and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. Jelinek served his country in the U.S. Army
11 National Guard during the Vietnam War; he worked briefly in the
12 banking industry and then found his career path through a job in
13 paving and material sales; in 1979, he began a lengthy assignment
14 with Bo-Mac Contractors, supervising the paving division and
15 estimating state highway projects; he joined Williams Brothers
16 Construction Company in 2001, and during his last few years with the
17 company, he was supervisor of the Interstate 10 construction jobs
18 from Beaumont to the Louisiana state line, making sure the highway
19 construction met state specifications; dedicated to his work, he
20 fulfilled his responsibilities until the day of his hospitalization
21 in November 2015; and

22 WHEREAS, Over the years, Mr. Jelinek benefited his industry
23 in a number of leadership roles, among them chair and vice chair of
24 the Beaumont area chapter of the Association of General

1 Contractors, and he held state-level offices as well; he was a
2 mentor to others, willingly sharing his knowledge and expertise;
3 and

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Jelinek was devoted above all to his loved ones,
5 and he was the proud father of three children, Christopher,
6 Allison, and Patrick; he always made time for their Little League
7 baseball, youth football, and ballet recitals, and he enjoyed
8 taking them hunting and fishing; he later knew the pleasure of
9 welcoming into his family four treasured grandchildren, Grace Ann,
10 Will, Lilly, and Caroline; and

11 WHEREAS, Although Mike Jelinek is deeply missed, those he
12 left behind will forever remember his kindness, warmth, and
13 wonderful sense of humor; now, therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
15 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Robert Michael
16 Jelinek and extend sincere condolences to his loved ones; and, be it
17 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 Mike
21 Jelinek.