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H.R. No. 1869

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, An exemplary life dedicated to public service has  
2 drawn to a close with the death of Texas Commissioner of Insurance  
3 David Calvin Mattax on April 13, 2017, at the age of 60; and

4 WHEREAS, David Mattax was born in Tulsa, Oklahoma, on January  
5 15, 1957, to Calvin and Carolyn Mattax; he studied at The University  
6 of Texas, where he graduated summa cum laude, earning bachelor's  
7 degrees in history and mathematics; he later completed a law degree  
8 at UT; and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. Mattax spent 23 years with the office of the  
10 Texas attorney general, serving as director of defense litigation  
11 and as chief of the Financial Litigation Division; as deputy  
12 attorney general, he supervised the defense of all lawsuits against  
13 the State of Texas, appearing before the U.S. Supreme Court in 2004;  
14 and

15 WHEREAS, Starting in 1992, Mr. Mattax represented the Texas  
16 Department of Insurance for many years, working with eight  
17 insurance commissioners on a wide variety of issues; he also  
18 represented the state banking and securities departments, as well  
19 as other state agencies; in January 2015, he was appointed Texas  
20 Commissioner of Insurance by Governor Greg Abbott, and in December  
21 2016, he was elected secretary-treasurer of the National  
22 Association of Insurance Commissioners; and

23 WHEREAS, A man of great erudition, charm, and warmth,  
24 Mr. Mattax enjoyed sharing his love of music, art, and fine foods

1 and wines with his friends and colleagues; he lived in France for a  
2 time, and his extensive travels were documented with his artful  
3 photographs; an active member of the University United Methodist  
4 Church, he served on its finance committee and board of trustees and  
5 co-chaired the Amos Commission; and

6 WHEREAS, The loss of David Mattax is keenly felt by the  
7 numerous friends that he made through the years as well as by the  
8 countless people in Texas and beyond whose lives he forever  
9 enriched; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas  
11 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of David Calvin Mattax  
12 and extend heartfelt sympathy to the members of his family: to his  
13 mother, Carolyn Mattax; to his sisters, Carol Curry, Charlotte  
14 Mattax Moersch, and Cathy Mattax; and to his other relatives and  
15 many friends; and, 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 David  
19 Calvin Mattax.