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H.R. No. 2000

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The city of Lubbock lost an admired attorney and
2 civic leader with the death of Tommy J. Turner on April 27, 2017, at
3 the age of 69; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in Carlsbad, New Mexico, on March 16, 1948,
5 Tommy Turner was the oldest son of Joe and Jackie Turner; he grew up
6 in Lubbock and completed his bachelor's degree at Texas Tech
7 University; in 1970, he married the former Lou Pat Camp, with whom
8 he shared 45 years, before her passing in 2015; they were the proud
9 parents of two children, Lisa and T. J., and Mr. Turner eventually
10 knew the joy of becoming "Big Daddy" to five grandchildren, Kyle,
11 Drew, Paige, Cameron, and Eliza; and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. Turner graduated from Baylor Law School in 1974
13 and briefly worked for the Lubbock County District Attorney's
14 Office; after joining Wagonseller and Cobb, he discovered a passion
15 for representing those in need, and he eventually established his
16 own firm; he was dedicated to ensuring a level playing field for all
17 in the courtroom and relished seeking redress for people who had
18 been wronged by the powerful; sharing his expertise, he lectured in
19 statewide seminars on jury selection, and he was a faculty member
20 for the Trial Advocacy College of Texas, a director emeritus of the
21 Texas Trial Lawyers Association, and a member of the American
22 Association for Justice and the American Board of Trial Advocates;
23 he also worked for a time alongside two old friends as chief of the
24 Public Integrity Unit in Beaumont; and

1 WHEREAS, Deeply committed to his community, Mr. Turner
2 served as president of CASA of the South Plains and as chair of the
3 Lubbock Area United Way campaign's legal division; he further gave
4 of his time and talents to the Lions Club, the Rotary Club, the
5 Family Guidance & Outreach Center, and Meals on Wheels; loyal to Pi
6 Kappa Alpha, he was advisor to the local chapter, and he capped 16
7 years of service on the International Fraternity's Supreme Council
8 by serving a term as president; he was a longtime member of
9 St. Luke's United Methodist Church and taught adult Sunday school;
10 in his free time, he enjoyed hosting family and friends at his
11 mountain home in Colorado; and

12 WHEREAS, Although Tommy Turner will be deeply missed, all who
13 had the good fortune to know him will forever find inspiration in
14 his record of good works and in the generosity and integrity with
15 which he lived; now, therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
17 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Tommy J. Turner and
18 extend sincere sympathy to his loved ones; and, be it further

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