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H.R. No. 100

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Bernard Duane Baker of Hondo passed away on March 7,  
2 2018, at the age of 76, leaving his family and friends to cherish  
3 their many happy memories of time spent in his company; and

4           WHEREAS, Born in Devine on August 31, 1941, to Melvin and  
5 Florence Baker, Duane Baker grew up with the companionship of three  
6 siblings, Melvin, Richard, and Melba; he went on to develop  
7 impressive skills as a handyman and mechanic, which led to a career  
8 at Universal Rundle, Jack Winkler Motors, UniFirst, and Tire and  
9 Wheel Connection and to operating his own business, Baker's Gulf  
10 Station; a hard worker, he was also known for the lively sense of  
11 humor that he kept even while on the job, which made him very  
12 popular with his clients; and

13           WHEREAS, In 1961, Mr. Baker met the love of his life, Carolyn  
14 Baker, at the Battle of Flowers Parade in San Antonio, marking the  
15 beginning of a relationship that would blossom into 46 years of  
16 marriage; the couple were active members of their congregation at  
17 Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Quihi, where Mr. Baker served in many  
18 capacities, and he was also a longtime member of the Hondo Volunteer  
19 Fire Department; and

20           WHEREAS, Mr. Baker embraced his role as a father to his two  
21 daughters, Cheryl and Laurie, and supported them as a volunteer for  
22 their various clubs and activities, which included serving as  
23 president of the Hondo Band boosters club; a proud grandfather to  
24 his grandchildren, Katelyn, Clayton, Jacie, and Jett, he enjoyed

1 cheering them on wherever they were performing or competing and  
2 sharing with them his love of hunting and fishing; he remained a  
3 dedicated fan of the Hondo Owls for decades and was a fixture at all  
4 of their Friday night football games; and

5 WHEREAS, Duane Baker lived a full and generous life devoted  
6 to his faith, his family, and his community, and he will forever be  
7 remembered with deep affection by those who held him dear; now,  
8 therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas  
10 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Bernard Duane Baker  
11 and extend sincere condolences to his loved ones; and, be it further

12 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
13 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
14 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Duane  
15 Baker.