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H.R. No. 653

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A rich and purposeful life drew to a close with the  
2 death of Charles N. Avery III of Round Rock on August 14, 2018, at  
3 the age of 75; and

4 WHEREAS, Charles Avery was born in Austin on November 28,  
5 1942, to Charles Avery Jr. and Lucille Sharp Avery, and he grew up  
6 with three siblings, John, Nelson, and Christina; after graduating  
7 from Austin High School in 1960, he attended St. Edward's  
8 University, where he earned a degree in marketing and finance in  
9 1966; and

10 WHEREAS, After serving with the U.S. Army as an intelligence  
11 officer in Germany from 1966 to 1969, Mr. Avery embarked upon a  
12 successful career in banking; he was a national bank examiner until  
13 1977, and he served as executive vice president of United States  
14 National Bank from 1977 to 1980; he was president of Sugar Land  
15 State Bank from 1980 until 1992, and after his retirement from  
16 banking, he worked for a Houston construction company before  
17 settling in Round Rock; and

18 WHEREAS, Descended from a family of prominent farmers and  
19 merchants in Williamson County, Mr. Avery and his siblings decided  
20 in 2000 to develop their family's properties around Round Rock and  
21 Hutto as a medical and educational hub; these lands have gone on to  
22 become the home of Texas State University, the Texas A&M Health  
23 Science Center, Austin Community College, Seton Medical Center  
24 Williamson, and many other important institutions; Mr. Avery

1 further benefited his community as a board member for the Old  
2 Settlers Association of Williamson County, the Greater Round Rock  
3 Community Foundation, Capital IDEA, Ride on Center for Kids, and  
4 the Seton Williamson Development Board; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Avery shared a rewarding marriage of 52 years  
6 with his wife, Beth Heller Avery, and he was the proud father of a  
7 daughter, Marta Avery Lue; deeply devoted to their faith, Mr. and  
8 Mrs. Avery expressed their beliefs through their generosity and by  
9 participating in mission trips overseas and sponsoring foreign  
10 students; in 2007, they were recognized as Citizens of the Year by  
11 the City of Round Rock, and in 2016, they were presented with the  
12 Lifetime Philanthropy Award and the Lifetime Achievement Award by  
13 the Round Rock Chamber of Commerce; and

14 WHEREAS, A loving family man, a respected professional, and a  
15 true community leader, Charles Avery leaves behind an admirable  
16 record of service that his loved ones can remember with pride; now,  
17 therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas  
19 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Charles N. Avery III  
20 and extend heartfelt sympathy to his family and friends; and, be it  
21 further

22 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
23 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
24 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Charles N.  
25 Avery III.