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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The life of an esteemed jurist drew to a close with
2 the passing of the Honorable John Henry Fostel of the 271st Judicial
3 District on June 2, 2017, at the age of 69; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in 1947, John Fostel was a graduate of Irving
5 High School, Texas Christian University, and Texas Tech University,
6 where he received his law degree; he covered sports for a time as a
7 reporter for the *Arlington Citizen-Journal*, and after law school,
8 he joined the office of W. B. Woodruff in Decatur, later becoming a
9 partner in the firm; and

10 WHEREAS, For more than two decades, Judge Fostel served the
11 civil, family, and felony courts of the 271st Judicial District,
12 which covers Jack and Wise Counties; he was greatly admired for his
13 humility, his humor, and his vast knowledge of all aspects of the
14 law; in 2014, he was named a recipient of the Charles J. Murray
15 Outstanding Jurist Award by the Tarrant County Trial Lawyers
16 Association; moreover, he served on the board of directors of the
17 State Bar of Texas; and

18 WHEREAS, Judge Fostel shared a rewarding marriage with his
19 wife, Cathy, and he took great pride in his five children, Chris,
20 Josh, Justin, Meagan, and Kate, and his seven grandchildren; in
21 addition to his service to his profession, he contributed to his
22 community through his leadership roles in a multitude of youth
23 sports and civic organizations; and

24 WHEREAS, A devoted family man and an exemplary public

1 servant, John Fostel touched the lives of countless people, and his
2 integrity, compassion, and dedication will forever inspire all who
3 had the good fortune to know him; now, therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas
5 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of District Judge John
6 Henry Fostel and extend sincere sympathy to his relatives, friends,
7 and colleagues; and, be it further

8 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
9 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
10 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of John Henry
11 Fostel.