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H.R. No. 893

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The State of Texas lost an esteemed attorney,
2 businessman, and civic leader with the passing of Wales Hendrix
3 Madden Jr. on December 24, 2018, at the age of 91; and

4 WHEREAS, The son of Wales and Kathryn Madden, Wales Madden
5 Jr. was born on September 1, 1927, in Amarillo; after serving his
6 country during World War II as a member of the U.S. Navy, he earned
7 his bachelor's and law degrees from The University of Texas at
8 Austin and embarked on a successful legal career; he started out as
9 an attorney for the Shamrock Oil and Gas Corporation and went on to
10 become a partner at Selectman and Madden; in 1985, he established
11 his own practice; and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. Madden gave of his time and talents to such
13 worthy organizations as the Mesa Petroleum Board, the Texas Water
14 Development Board, the President's Export Council, and the
15 Citizens' Committee on Property Tax Relief; also active in
16 politics, he developed personal relationships with numerous state
17 and national elected officials, and he supported the presidential
18 campaigns of George H. W. Bush and George W. Bush; and

19 WHEREAS, The youngest member ever appointed to The University
20 of Texas Board of Regents, Mr. Madden also led the UT Centennial
21 Commission and the Ex-Students' Association; moreover, he held
22 leadership roles with Amarillo College, Trinity University, and
23 West Texas A&M University and served on the Governor's Committee on
24 Public School Education and the State's Select Committee on Higher

1 Education; and

2 WHEREAS, Mr. Madden received many accolades over the years,
3 including the Outstanding Fifty-Year Lawyer Award from the Texas
4 Bar Foundation, the Mirabeau B. Lamar Award for Outstanding
5 Leadership in Higher Education, and the UT System's highest honor,
6 the Santa Rita Award; and

7 WHEREAS, On November 8, 1952, he married Abbie Cowden, and
8 the couple shared a richly rewarding marriage that spanned nearly
9 six decades; Mr. Madden took great pride in his children, Wales and
10 Straughn, and with the passing years, he was further blessed with
11 four grandchildren, Wales, Hamilton, Mac, and Callie, three
12 step-grandchildren, Shawnee, Brandi, and Cody, and numerous
13 great-grandchildren; passionate about the great outdoors, he
14 scaled every mountain over 14,000 feet in Colorado and regularly
15 hiked in Palo Duro Canyon; and

16 WHEREAS, Wales Madden led a rich and purposeful life, and he
17 leaves behind a record of engagement that will continue to inspire
18 all those who knew and loved him; now, therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas
20 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Wales Hendrix
21 Madden Jr. and extend sincere condolences to his relatives and
22 friends; and, be it further

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