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H.R. No. 1409

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A full and productive life drew to a close with the
2 passing of Joseph Elmer Huff III of Galveston on February 7, 2019,
3 at the age of 65; and

4 WHEREAS, Joe Huff was born in Norfolk, Virginia, on November
5 7, 1953, to Joseph and Louise Huff; he graduated from Emory & Henry
6 College in Virginia with a bachelor's degree in political science
7 and mass communications and later completed the coursework for a
8 master's degree in cross-cultural studies at the University of
9 Houston-Clear Lake; and

10 WHEREAS, In Virginia, Mr. Huff worked for the Virginia
11 Housing Development Authority as its public and community
12 information officer and for the Portsmouth Redevelopment and
13 Housing Authority as its project director; in 1980, he moved to
14 Texas after being hired as manager of public and community
15 relations at the Port of Galveston; two years later, he became the
16 director of public affairs for Galveston College, where he retired
17 after 35 years of service in December 2017; and

18 WHEREAS, An active and much-admired citizen of Galveston,
19 Mr. Huff held such leadership roles as president of the Rotary Club
20 and the Galveston Attractions Association and chair of the local
21 Red Cross chapter and the city's Committee on Unity and Tolerance,
22 in addition to being affiliated with a host of other organizations,
23 boards, and committees; he was honored with the 1987 Distinguished
24 Service Award from the City of Galveston and the 1999 Island Rotary

1 Vocational Service Award; and

2 WHEREAS, Joe Huff gave freely of his time and expertise to
3 make his community a better place, and he leaves behind a record of
4 professional and civic contributions that his loved ones can
5 remember with pride; now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas
7 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Joseph Elmer Huff III
8 and extend sincere sympathy to the members of his family: to his
9 sons, Joseph E. Huff IV and his wife, Amandalyn, and Preston
10 C. Huff and his wife, Lucia; to his grandchildren, Abbygail Huff,
11 Preston Collin Huff II, and Joseph E. Huff V; to his sister,
12 Virginia Lee Delk, and her husband, Howard; to his brothers,
13 Russell Huff and his wife, Leslie, and Robert Huff; and to his other
14 relatives and friends; and, be it further

15 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
16 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
17 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Joseph
18 Elmer Huff III.