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H.R. No. 1782

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A rich and purposeful life drew to a close with the
2 passing of Joe Milton Pirtle of Belton on May 12, 2019, at the age of
3 87; and

4 WHEREAS, Joe Pirtle was born in Salado on September 20, 1931,
5 to Paul and Gertie Pirtle, and he grew up with four siblings, Paul,
6 Billie, Jamie, and Bob; he was a standout athlete and senior class
7 president at Salado High School; and

8 WHEREAS, Mr. Pirtle married Mary Nell Moore in 1952, and the
9 couple shared 66 rewarding years together; he was the proud father
10 to two daughters, Paula and Jane, and later in life, he was the
11 beloved "Dedad" to six grandchildren, Travers, Jay, Casie, Adam,
12 Bret, and Cole, and five great-grandchildren, Jack, Lily, June,
13 Hazel Cate, and Eli; and

14 WHEREAS, After graduating from college, Mr. Pirtle joined
15 the Belton Independent School District as a science teacher and
16 coach, leading the basketball team to a state championship; he went
17 on to serve the district as an elementary school and junior high
18 school principal, director of curriculum, assistant
19 superintendent, and superintendent; he was a finalist for state
20 Superintendent of the Year and was named Texas Administrator of the
21 Month in June 1997; moreover, he was president of the board of
22 directors for Education Service Center Region 12, which recognized
23 him as Superintendent of the Year in 1994; he retired after 43 years
24 with Belton ISD, and the district named an elementary school in his

1 honor; and

2 WHEREAS, A leader in his community, Mr. Pirtle was president
3 of the Belton Area Chamber of Commerce, the Lions Club, and the
4 United Way of Central Texas, and he further contributed his time to
5 the local Crime Stoppers and Communities in Schools organizations;
6 he received the Outstanding Citizen Award from the Belton Area
7 Chamber and was named Lion of the Year, and he was also honored with
8 the Special Olympics Distinguished Award; and

9 WHEREAS, A devoted husband, a loving father and grandfather,
10 and an admired and beloved educator, Joe Pirtle dedicated his life
11 to the service of others, and he leaves behind a legacy that will
12 continue to inspire all those who were fortunate to know him; now,
13 therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas
15 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Joe Milton Pirtle
16 and extend heartfelt sympathy to his family and many friends; and,
17 be it further

18 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
19 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
20 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Joe Milton
21 Pirtle.