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H.R. No. 19

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Family and friends will forever treasure their
2 memories of David James Weakley, who passed away on September 4,
3 2021, at the age of 63; and

4 WHEREAS, David Weakley was born in Pekin, Illinois, on
5 January 7, 1958, to Richard and Mildred Weakley, and he enjoyed the
6 companionship of four siblings, Jonathan, Judith, Sandra, and
7 Barbara; he grew up in Pekin and Streator, Illinois, and went on to
8 graduate from Streator Township High School in 1976; shortly
9 thereafter, he enlisted in the United States Marine Corps, where he
10 served until transferring to the U.S. Navy; after his time in the
11 military, he attended Rock Valley College in Rockford, Illinois,
12 earning his associate degree as well as his airframe and powerplant
13 certification; and

14 WHEREAS, Following in his father's footsteps, Mr. Weakley
15 worked at Powerton Station with Commonwealth Edison for nearly 20
16 years, before relocating to Texas in 2001; he married the love of
17 his life, the former Melissa Reeh, in 2002, and he was blessed with
18 a cherished family that included his three sons, Jamison, Elijah,
19 and Joel; and

20 WHEREAS, For the last decade and a half, Mr. Weakley resided
21 in Hunt County, and he was employed by L3 Communications Integrated
22 Systems for 13 years, until his retirement in January 2020; a man of
23 strong faith, he was a staunch conservative who was a founding
24 officer of the Texas Liberty Defenders group; he actively attended

1 and hosted rallies and political events, and he even visited the
2 State Capitol to testify at hearings and engage with his elected
3 representatives; and

4 WHEREAS, An avid outdoorsman, Mr. Weakley counted hunting,
5 camping, fishing, boating, and cycling as some of his favorite
6 hobbies; he was also a skilled gunsmith who liked going to the
7 shooting range, and he was fond of watching classic movies and
8 learning about military and world history; and

9 WHEREAS, Although David Weakley is deeply missed, those who
10 were privileged to share in his love and friendship will always
11 remember him with great admiration and affection; now, therefore,
12 be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
14 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the life of
15 David James Weakley and extend sincere sympathy to the members of
16 his family: to his wife, Melissa Reeh-Weakley; to his sons,
17 Jamison, Elijah, and Joel Weakley; to his siblings, Jonathan
18 Weakley and his wife, Susan, Judith Loy, Sandra Weghorst and her
19 husband, Joe, and Barbara Gray and her husband, Ron; and to his many
20 other relatives and friends; and, be it further

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