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H.R. No. 83

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 James Melton Purser Jr. of Canadian on August 21, 2021,
3 at the age of 81; and

4 WHEREAS, The son of James Purser Sr. and Lavona Purser, Jim
5 Purser was born on August 18, 1940, in Washita, Oklahoma, and grew
6 up with three siblings, Joyce, Buford, and Gary; at just 16 years
7 old, he embarked on a rewarding career in the oil and gas industry
8 that would span more than half a century and take him around the
9 world; and

10 WHEREAS, On February 22, 1968, Mr. Purser wed the former Mary
11 Ann Ortega, and the couple went on to share a rewarding marriage of
12 53 years; Mr. Purser was the proud father of two children, Tim and
13 Tricia, and with the passing years, he was further blessed with
14 seven beloved grandchildren; and

15 WHEREAS, Mr. Purser and his family lived in Singapore and
16 Spain during the 1970s before settling in Canadian in 1980; he
17 became a valued member of his community, avidly supporting the
18 Canadian High School Wildcats and participating in the local
19 Masonic lodge; sustained by a deep and abiding faith, he was
20 baptized at Canadian Church of Christ; and

21 WHEREAS, Although Jim Purser will be deeply missed, he has
22 left his family and friends with a wealth of memories that they will
23 forever treasure; now, therefore, be it

24 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas

1 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the life of
2 James Melton Purser Jr. and extend sincere condolences to the
3 members of his family: to his wife, Mary Ann Purser; to his son, Tim
4 Purser, and his wife, Charity; to his daughter, Tricia Cook, and her
5 husband, Jim David; to his grandchildren, Shelby, Kyler, Ben, and
6 Landree Purser, Brayden and Brody Cook, and Mckanna Garcia; to his
7 sister, Joyce Forman; to his brothers, Buford Purser and his wife,
8 Yolanda, and Gary Purser and his wife, Jody; and to his other
9 friends and relatives; and, be it further

10 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
11 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
12 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Jim Purser.