

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Family and friends will long cherish their memories
2 of Phillip J. Gerik of Waco, who passed away on December 21, 2020,
3 at the age of 71; and

4 WHEREAS, Phil Gerik was born to John and JoAnn Gerik on
5 October 1, 1949, in Waco and grew up with a sister, Karen, and three
6 brothers, Tom, Mike, and John; a graduate of West High School, he
7 continued his education at Lamar University, where he earned an
8 undergraduate degree in kinesiology, and he went on to complete a
9 master's degree in educational administration and superintendency
10 at East Texas State University in Commerce; and

11 WHEREAS, In the course of his 48 years in education,
12 Mr. Gerik served as a teacher and coach in the Mesquite and
13 Northside school districts and as an athletic director and
14 principal in the West Independent School District; he also led
15 Mount Calm ISD as its superintendent, and he most recently held the
16 role of field service agent for Education Service Center Region 12;
17 he further contributed to his profession as president of both the
18 National and Texas Rural Education Associations; and

19 WHEREAS, Valuing family above all else, Mr. Gerik shared
20 nearly half a century of marriage with his wife, Cathy, and he was a
21 devoted father to their children, Matthew and Pam; with the passing
22 years, he had the pleasure of seeing his family grow to include two
23 grandchildren, McKinley and Mason; and

24 WHEREAS, Those fortunate enough to have known Phil Gerik will

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1 remember the way he touched their lives with his kindness,
2 generosity, and delightful sense of humor, and he will forever hold
3 a treasured place in their hearts; now, therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
5 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the memory
6 of Phillip J. Gerik and extend sincere condolences to all who mourn
7 his passing; and, be it further

8 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
9 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
10 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Phil Gerik.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 142 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on October 18, 2021.

Chief Clerk of the House