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H.R. No. 142

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

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.