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R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, The death of Menard County Judge Richard Allen Cordes on February 15, 2020, at the age of 68, brought a great loss to his family, friends, and fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Born to Oney and Verna Cordes on January 25, 1952, Richard Cordes grew up with three brothers, John, Greg, and Oney, and three sisters, Laurie, Wanda, and Donna; he graduated from Texas A&M University College of Veterinary Medicine and went on to serve his country in the United States Air Force for three years; in 1978, he and his wife, Janis, moved to Menard and purchased Menard Animal Clinic; treating both pets and livestock, Dr. Cordes became widely known in the Hill Country for his kindness, expertise, and ability to calm nervous animals, and he also delighted clients with his sense of humor; he was involved with local youth who showed livestock, and he benefited his profession as a member of the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation's Licensed Breeder Advisory Committee; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Cordes was a county commissioner from 1986 to 1998 and served as county judge from 2003 until his passing; he brought to his work compassion, humility, and integrity, as well as a sharp intellect; active in the Concho Valley Council of Governments, he served as secretary, vice president, and president, and he was also president of the Concho Valley Community Action Agency; in addition, he was a director of the Frontera Healthcare Network and a member of the Texas Small Business Development Center and the Texas Rural Foundation; he was named 2007 Official of the Year by the West Texas County Judges and Commissioners Association, and he was twice named Menard's Citizen of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Devoted to his loved ones, Dr. Cordes leaves to cherish his memory his wife, Janis, and their children: Megan Cordes and family, Brittany and Cai Laird; Blane Cordes and family, Ashlea, Avery, Weston, and Aubrey; and Logan Cordes and family, Anna, Cam, Allie, and Kason, as well as his siblings, Greg Cordes, Laurie Curtis, Oney Cordes, Wanda Baldwin, and Donna Shodrock; and

WHEREAS, Richard Cordes made a lasting, positive difference in his community through his outstanding professional and civic contributions, and although he is deeply missed by those he left behind, he will forever hold a special place in their hearts; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Dr. Richard Allen Cordes and extend sincere condolences to all who mourn his passing; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Dr. Richard Allen Cordes.