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R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, Residents of Henderson County lost an esteemed civic leader with the passing of former county judge Richard Sanders of Athens on January 6, 2020, at the age of 63; and

WHEREAS, Born to Joe and Lou Ella Sanders on July 17, 1956, in Groom, Richard Sanders grew up with the companionship of eight siblings, Mary Lou, Betty Jo, Raymond, Jo Nell, Janey, Allen, Tammie, and Katherine; he was an accomplished athlete, and during high school, he earned all-state honors in football; he went on to play for Angelo State University and then for Southeastern Oklahoma State University, where he was recognized as an all-conference defensive tackle; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Sanders began his career as a real estate developer, and he later became regional director for the Fifth Congressional District of Texas; in 2010, he was elected as Henderson County judge, and he ably served on the bench until his retirement in 2018; and

WHEREAS, In all his endeavors, Mr. Sanders was blessed with the love and support of his wife, Kathy, with whom he shared a rewarding union that spanned nearly four decades; he was the proud father of two daughters, Amanda and Allison, and with the passing years, his family grew to include three grandchildren, Benjamin, Jaxon, and Ellie; in his leisure hours, he enjoyed fishing, watching sports, and pursuing his interest in classic cars, but above all, he treasured time spent with his loved ones and friends at Broken Bow Lake; and

WHEREAS, Richard Sanders lived a rich and purposeful life centered on his family and his community, and he will long be remembered with great admiration and affection by all those who were fortunate enough to know him; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of the Honorable Richard Sanders and extend sincere condolences to his relatives and friends; 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 Richard Sanders.