H.R. No. 1760

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, A life lived with joy and purpose drew to a close with the passing of Avery Alderman Rhodes of Nacogdoches on May 11, 2021, at the age of 52; and

WHEREAS, The daughter of B. W. Sanderson and Wayne Alderman, the former Avery Alderman was born on December 5, 1968; she grew up in Jasper and graduated from Stephen F. Austin State University; in 1993, she married Charles "Chuck" Rhodes Jr., and they became the parents of a daughter, Madison; the couple were eventually blessed with two grandchildren, Ashton and Annsley; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Rhodes was devoted to her family, including her siblings, Neil and Ashley, her stepsister, Toni, her stepdaughter, Brook, her stepfather, Wayne Sanderson, and her stepmother, Becky Alderman; she loved having coffee with relatives and friends while reminiscing over the myriad of photos on her phone; sustained by a strong faith, she sent up prayers and offered support for anyone in need, and she could always provide the perfect scripture to comfort and inspire; and

WHEREAS, For 22 years, Ms. Rhodes was employed as a pharmaceutical representative, most recently as senior executive representative for AstraZeneca; the company recognized her with the Circle of Excellence, its most prestigious award; over the course of her career, she was a mentor to numerous colleagues; additionally, she served on the Texas Diabetes Council by gubernatorial appointment; as a former resident of Angelina County, she was very involved with the Lufkin/Angelina County Chamber of Commerce, and she was a graduate of Leadership Lufkin; and

WHEREAS, While her loss is difficult to bear, Avery Rhodes leaves behind many friends and loved ones whose lives are far richer for having known her, and she will forever hold a treasured 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 Avery Alderman Rhodes and extend sincere condolences to all who mourn her passing; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be prepared for her family and that when the Texas House of Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Avery Rhodes.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1760 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on May 29, 2021.

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Chief Clerk of the House