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H.C.R. No. 69

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1           WHEREAS, The citizens of Midland lost an admired business and  
2 community leader with the passing of Norbert Joseph Dickman of  
3 Midland, who died on March 11, 2020, at the age of 77; and

4           WHEREAS, Norbert Dickman was born in Chicago on January 2,  
5 1943, to Norbert and Helen Dickman and grew up with two sisters, Sue  
6 and Kathy; he earned his bachelor's degree in philosophy from  
7 St. Patrick's Seminary and his licentiate in theology from the  
8 Gregorian University in Rome, and he was ordained as a priest in  
9 1968; after leaving the priesthood, he went on to receive his law  
10 degree from the University of California Hastings College of the  
11 Law and his master of laws degree from Golden Gate University; he  
12 began his legal career in San Francisco with the firm of Sullivan,  
13 Roche & Johnson before becoming a partner in Mullins, Wise &  
14 Dickman; and

15           WHEREAS, In 1985, Mr. Dickman became the personal attorney to  
16 Barbara Fasken, and in 1988 he moved to Midland to oversee her  
17 interests; after she passed away in 1995, he became the coexecutor  
18 and cotrustee of her estate and general manager of Fasken Oil and  
19 Ranch, Ltd.; under his leadership, Fasken Oil and Ranch grew from 50  
20 employees to more than 250 and increased its oil production from  
21 5,000 barrels per day to 26,000; he also significantly developed  
22 the company's ranching and real estate interests across Texas and  
23 in the San Francisco Bay area; and

24           WHEREAS, Deeply engaged in his community, Mr. Dickman was the

1 director of the Fasken family's charitable Prairie Foundation, and  
2 he was active with Casa de Amigos, Trinity School, the Samaritan  
3 Counseling Center, and Prevent Blindness Texas, which presented him  
4 with the Person of Vision Award in 2005; his long association with  
5 the Buffalo Trail Council of the Boy Scouts of America earned him  
6 their Distinguished Citizen award in 2018, and his other accolades  
7 included being named a Tejano Achiever, honorary president of the  
8 Republic of the Rio Grande, and Mr. South Texas; he was also a  
9 knight commander of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of  
10 Jerusalem; and

11 WHEREAS, In all his endeavors, Mr. Dickman enjoyed the love  
12 and support of his wife, Dedria, and his three children, Michael,  
13 Matthew, and Jennifer, and stepson, Spencer; he was later blessed  
14 with seven grandchildren, Logan, Ford, Reagan, Grace, Sloan, Kalan,  
15 and Milly; and

16 WHEREAS, Compassionate, generous, and wise, Norbert Dickman  
17 lived a life that was rich in personal and professional  
18 achievements, and he leaves behind a record of service that his  
19 loved ones can remember with pride; now, therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, That the 87th Texas Legislature hereby pay tribute  
21 to the memory of Norbert Joseph Dickman and extend heartfelt  
22 sympathy to his family and many friends; and, be it further

23 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
24 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
25 Representatives and Senate adjourn this day, they do so in memory of  
26 Norbert Dickman.