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H.C.R. No. 75

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The untimely death of noted attorney and admired
2 civic leader Clyde Moody Siebman on March 4, 2021, at the age of 62,
3 brought a great loss to his family, his friends, and the legal
4 community in Texas and beyond; and

5 WHEREAS, Born in Sherman on November 26, 1958, to Newell and
6 Carol Siebman, Clyde Siebman grew up in Pottsboro and Plano with the
7 companionship of his beloved sister, Annette, and numerous dear
8 cousins; he received a dual bachelor's degree in business
9 administration and psychology at Southern Methodist University,
10 and while completing his juris doctor degree at SMU Dedman School of
11 Law, he met his future wife, Carol Ann Mumm; they became the proud
12 parents of a daughter, Elizabeth, and they were eventually blessed
13 with a granddaughter, Kendall; and

14 WHEREAS, Mr. Siebman began his career as a law clerk for U.S.
15 District Judge Paul Brown, inaugural judge of the Eastern District
16 of Texas; in 1991, he became a founding partner of Siebman, Forrest,
17 Burg, & Smith, known as Siebman & Siebman during the years he
18 practiced with his wife, before she joined the judiciary; today,
19 the firm has offices in Sherman and four other cities, and the legal
20 team includes his daughter, Elizabeth Siebman Forrest, a named
21 partner, and his niece, Becca Skupin, an associate; and

22 WHEREAS, A national expert in intellectual property law,
23 Mr. Siebman began handling such cases even before the Eastern
24 District became a preferred venue for patent litigation; he was

1 heavily involved in the New York Intellectual Property Law
2 Association, the Leahy Institute of Advanced Patent Studies, and
3 the Sedona Conference; moreover, he was frequently called upon to
4 moderate judicial panels and appear at legal conferences across the
5 country; he also visited Chinese universities with a delegation of
6 attorneys and judges and lectured on U.S. trial practices; among
7 myriad accolades, he was recognized by *The Best Lawyers in America*
8 as 2018 Dallas/Fort Worth Lawyer of the Year for Patent Litigation
9 and 2020 Dallas/Fort Worth Lawyer of the Year for Copyright
10 Litigation; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Siebman regularly represented clients in
12 complex commercial litigation in the Fifth U.S. Circuit Court of
13 Appeals, as well as other venues, and he served his profession in
14 numerous leadership roles; committed to innovation, he chaired the
15 advisory board of the Institute for Law and Technology and served as
16 an ex officio member of the board; he worked tirelessly in behalf of
17 his colleagues in East Texas, founding the district's bar
18 association and serving as its president; moreover, he was the
19 driving force behind the association's Bench-Bar Conference of the
20 Eastern District of Texas, one of the nation's foremost legal
21 programs, and served as chair for a quarter century; he made further
22 contributions as a member of several Eastern District committees
23 and the State Bar of Texas Board of Directors; and

24 WHEREAS, Highly engaged in civic life, Mr. Siebman served as
25 Republican Party chair in Grayson County and as a member of the
26 State Republican Executive Committee; he energetically supported
27 GOP candidates at all levels and was instrumental in the ascendance

1 of the Republican Party in the county and the state; nevertheless,
2 he was happy to reach across the aisle in the public interest, and
3 he received plaudits in the Eastern District for his work with a
4 prominent local Democrat to fill vacant federal judgeships; in
5 2000, he was a member of the Presidential Electoral College; and

6 WHEREAS, Mr. Siebman served on the Red River Boundary
7 Commission and played a key role in resolving a dispute between
8 Texas and Oklahoma dating back to the Louisiana Purchase; as
9 conservator of the Riverbend Water Resource District, he helped
10 settle a decades-long legal battle over water issues in East Texas
11 and Southwest Arkansas, and he was appointed in 2017 to the Red
12 River Interstate Compact Commission; he also served as chair of the
13 North Texas Regional Airport Board and of the Grayson County
14 Regional Mobility Authority; and

15 WHEREAS, Clyde Siebman made a tremendous positive impact
16 through his professional and civic contributions, earning the high
17 esteem of all who knew him, but he will be remembered equally for
18 his warmth, integrity, and kindness; now, therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, That the 87th Legislature of the State of Texas
20 hereby pay tribute to the life of Clyde Moody Siebman and extend
21 sincere condolences to his loved ones; and, be it further

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