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H.R. No. 7

R E S O L U T I O N

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

4 WHEREAS, Born to Oney and Verna Cordes on January 25, 1952,
5 Richard Cordes grew up with three brothers, John, Greg, and Oney,
6 and three sisters, Laurie, Wanda, and Donna; he graduated from
7 Texas A&M University College of Veterinary Medicine and went on to
8 serve his country in the United States Air Force for three years; in
9 1978, he and his wife, Janis, moved to Menard and purchased Menard
10 Animal Clinic; treating both pets and livestock, Dr. Cordes became
11 widely known in the Hill Country for his kindness, expertise, and
12 ability to calm nervous animals, and he also delighted clients with
13 his sense of humor; he was involved with local youth who showed
14 livestock, and he benefited his profession as a member of the Texas
15 Department of Licensing and Regulation's Licensed Breeder Advisory
16 Committee; and

17 WHEREAS, Dr. Cordes was a county commissioner from 1986 to
18 1998 and served as county judge from 2003 until his passing; he
19 brought to his work compassion, humility, and integrity, as well as
20 a sharp intellect; active in the Concho Valley Council of
21 Governments, he served as secretary, vice president, and president,
22 and he was also president of the Concho Valley Community Action
23 Agency; in addition, he was a director of the Frontera Healthcare
24 Network and a member of the Texas Small Business Development Center

1 and the Texas Rural Foundation; he was named 2007 Official of the
2 Year by the West Texas County Judges and Commissioners Association,
3 and he was twice named Menard's Citizen of the Year; and

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

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

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

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