

By: King of Parker

H.R. No. 107

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The citizens of Wise County lost a beloved resident
2 and civic leader with the passing of the Honorable Melton David Cude
3 on November 29, 2020, at the age of 65; and

4 WHEREAS, Melton Cude was born in Decatur on June 22, 1955, to
5 Milvern and Margaret Cude, and he grew up with a brother, Murray; he
6 was a member of the Class of 1973 at Decatur High School and
7 graduated with highest honors from Texas A&M University; in 1980,
8 he earned a juris doctor degree from Baylor Law; he began his career
9 as an attorney with the Decatur law firm of Woodruff, Fostel, Wren,
10 and Simpson; and

11 WHEREAS, A dedicated public servant, Mr. Cude was the
12 presiding judge of Wise County Court at Law No. 1 and was fulfilling
13 his ninth elected term at the time of his death; in total, he served
14 more than three decades, becoming one of the longest-tenured
15 elected officials in the county; for eight years, he also held the
16 title of judge advocate general with the Texas Army National Guard;
17 and

18 WHEREAS, In all his endeavors, Judge Cude enjoyed the love
19 and support of his wife, Arlena, with whom he shared a rewarding
20 marriage that spanned nearly four decades; he was the devoted
21 father of two children, David and Amy, and he took great pride in
22 his three grandchildren; a man of faith, he was a lifelong member of
23 First Baptist Church of Decatur, and he was actively engaged with
24 his community; and

1 WHEREAS, Although the untimely death of Judge Melton Cude has
2 brought profound sorrow to all who were privileged to know him, his
3 integrity and commitment to service will remain a lasting source of
4 inspiration; now, therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
6 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Judge Melton David
7 Cude and extend deepest condolences to the members of his family: to
8 his wife, Arlena Cude; to his son, David Cude, and his wife,
9 Kristen; to his daughter, Amy Casares, and her husband, Noe; to his
10 grandchildren, Evanglynhnn and Nehemiah Casares and Jireh Grace
11 Cude; to his brother, Murray Cude; to his father-in-law, J. L.
12 Hesteande; and to his many other relatives and friends; and, be it
13 further

14 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
15 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
16 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Judge
17 Melton Cude.