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H.R. No. 163

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A full and productive life drew to a close with the
2 passing of former state representative Robert Lewis Fairchild of
3 Center on December 1, 2019, at the age of 90; and

4 WHEREAS, The son of Robert Carl Fairchild and Anna Dagma
5 Lewis Fairchild, Bob Fairchild was born in Beaumont on January 31,
6 1929, and grew up in Chester; he completed both his bachelor's
7 degree in business administration and his law degree at The
8 University of Texas at Austin; in 1953, he co-founded the Center law
9 firm known today as Fairchild, Price, Haley & Smith; he was admitted
10 to practice before the U.S. Supreme Court and Fifth Circuit Court of
11 Appeals, among other venues; dedicated to his profession, he served
12 as president of the Shelby County Bar Association, and he was a
13 member of the East Texas Chapter of the American Board of Trial
14 Advocates and a Fellow of the Texas Bar Foundation; in 1994, he
15 retired from his practice, and nine years later, he was honored by
16 the State Bar for 50 years of service to the organization; and

17 WHEREAS, Mr. Fairchild served in the Texas House from 1961 to
18 1965; during his tenure, he chaired both the General Investigating
19 and Judicial Districts Committees, and he was a member of a number
20 of other committees; he further benefited his fellow citizens as
21 president of the Shelby County Chamber of Commerce, and he helped
22 organize Little League baseball in his community; a deacon of First
23 Baptist Church since 1979, he taught the Fellowship Class for many
24 years as well; and

1 WHEREAS, Devoted to his family, Mr. Fairchild shared a
2 fulfilling marriage with his wife, Patsy; they were the parents of
3 four children, Robert, Jan Ellen, David, and Karla, and they were
4 blessed with six grandchildren, Carrie, RC, Philip, Matt, Britney,
5 and Eric, as well as numerous great-grandchildren; and

6 WHEREAS, Although Bob Fairchild is deeply missed, he left
7 behind a legacy that will long be treasured by all those who held
8 him dear; now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
10 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Robert Lewis
11 Fairchild and extend sincere condolences to his loved ones; and, be
12 it further

13 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
14 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
15 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of the
16 Honorable Robert Lewis Fairchild.