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H.R. No. 288

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The life of a dedicated public servant drew to a  
2 close with the passing of Henderson County Commissioner Kenneth  
3 Carl Geeslin of Athens on December 3, 2019, at the age of 71; and

4 WHEREAS, Ken Geeslin was born to Vernon and Mary Geeslin in  
5 Cincinnati, Ohio, on April 1, 1948, and he grew up on his parents'  
6 farm; answering his nation's call to duty, he enlisted in the U.S.  
7 Air Force in 1967 and served as a communications technician during a  
8 tour of duty in Weymouth, England; and

9 WHEREAS, In 1974, Mr. Geeslin transitioned from active duty  
10 and joined the D.C. Air National Guard, where he held a leadership  
11 role in the Joint Chiefs of Staff Operational Readiness Exercises;  
12 after five years of full-time service in the guard, he became a  
13 traditional guardsman and continued to serve weekend duty until his  
14 retirement at the rank of Master Sergeant in 1989, following more  
15 than two decades of military service; and

16 WHEREAS, Mr. Geeslin enjoyed a successful civilian career in  
17 engineering and telecommunications with MCI Telecommunications,  
18 where he earned awards from both MCI and the Federal Aviation  
19 Administration for his work on the communications network that  
20 supports civil and military air traffic control in all U.S.  
21 airspace; his other notable projects include overseeing the first  
22 large-scale deployment of fiber optic communications between  
23 Washington, D.C., and New York and the development of emergency  
24 restoration processes for microwave radio towers; and

1           WHEREAS, Upon moving to Athens in 2001, Mr. Geeslin became an  
2 active member of the community and worked to improve the lives of  
3 Henderson County residents through his role as the commissioner for  
4 Precinct 4; first elected in 2010 and serving until his passing, he  
5 was instrumental in numerous improvements to county facilities and  
6 infrastructure such as upgrading road maintenance vehicles and  
7 introducing single stream recycling; and

8           WHEREAS, In all his endeavors, Mr. Geeslin benefited from the  
9 love and support of his wife, Katherine, and he took great pride in  
10 his four children, John, Jennifer, Matt, and Malia, and his six  
11 grandchildren, Ella, Meredith, Cora, James, Sidney, and Sarah; and

12           WHEREAS, Ken Geeslin lived a life that was rich in personal  
13 and professional achievements, and his commitment to his loved ones  
14 and to his fellow citizens will be remembered and admired for years  
15 to come; now, therefore, be it

16           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas  
17 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Kenneth Carl  
18 Geeslin and extend sincere condolences to all who mourn his  
19 passing; and, be it further

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