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RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Howard G. Baldwin Jr., an esteemed civic leader and

2 friend to many, passed away in March 2021; and

3 WHEREAS, After graduating from St. Mary's University School

of Law, Mr. Baldwin began a long and rewarding career dedicated to

5 the child support system; he was the regional director for child

6 support in 21 counties, and he went on to privately practice family

7 law before becoming a judge on child support cases in Bexar County

8 and seven surrounding counties; he subsequently served as an

9 administrator with the Office of the Attorney General; later, he

10 took a position at the Department of Protective and Regulatory

11 Services, where he worked with legislators on child support issues;

12 and

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WHEREAS, In 1999, Mr. Baldwin was appointed as the first

14 assistant attorney general by former Attorney General John Cornyn;

15 highly dedicated to the well-being of Texas youth and their

16 families, Mr. Baldwin took on the challenge of leading the state's

17 child support division, and under his able guidance, the quality of

18 customer service improved and billions of dollars were collected to

19 support approximately one million children; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Baldwin gave generously of his time and talents

21 to the San Antonio Young Lawyer's Association and the National

22 Child Support Enforcement Association, where he served as president

23 and as a member of the board; among his many accomplishments, he was

24 named an Honorary Life Member of the NCSEA in 2004, and he received

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- 1 the Kathy Duggan Award from the association in 2011; in addition, he
- 2 was appointed to the Supreme Court of Texas Task Force on Foster
- 3 Care; and
- WHEREAS, In all his endeavors, Mr. Baldwin enjoyed the love
- 5 and support of his wife, Rita, with whom he shared a rewarding
- 6 marriage of more than four and a half decades, and he was the proud
- 7 father of two sons, James and Eric; and
- 8 WHEREAS, Although he is deeply missed, Howard Baldwin made a
- 9 meaningful difference in the lives of his loved ones and fellow
- 10 citizens alike, and his contributions will resonate for years to
- 11 come; now, therefore, be it
- RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
- 13 Legislature hereby honor the memory of Howard G. Baldwin Jr. and
- 14 extend sincere sympathy to all those who mourn his passing; and, be
- 15 it further
- RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
- 17 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
- 18 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Howard
- 19 Baldwin.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 979 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on May 8, 2021.

Chief Clerk of the House