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H.R. No. 979

R E S O L U T I O N

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
4 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

13 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

20 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

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

4 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

12 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

16 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.