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H.R. No. 1142

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Honorable Joe Shuster has been named the 2021
2 Official of the Year by the West Texas County Judges and
3 Commissioners Association for his contributions as Pecos County
4 judge; and

5 WHEREAS, The West Texas association's Official of the Year
6 Award honors a judge or commissioner within its 118 county-region
7 who has gone above and beyond in his or her service in county
8 government; and

9 WHEREAS, Since taking office in 2003, Judge Shuster has
10 compiled an impressive list of accomplishments; a strong and
11 effective leader, he supports a number of education initiatives for
12 area students, and he helped establish the Scholars' Dollars
13 Scholarship Fund at the Midland College Williams Regional Technical
14 Training Center; and

15 WHEREAS, A native of Fort Stockton, Judge Shuster previously
16 served two terms on the Fort Stockton City Council, and he was
17 elected mayor in 1985, a position he held until his retirement in
18 1997; during his time as an elected city official, he played a key
19 role in many important projects, including the construction of an
20 emergency medical services facility, the implementation of an air
21 ambulance service, the development of a reverse osmosis water
22 plant, and the restoration of Historic Fort Stockton; and

23 WHEREAS, Judge Shuster also serves his community as a board
24 member for the Texas Association of Regional Councils, a regional

1 board member for The University of Texas Permian Basin, and a member
2 of the Permian Basin Regional Planning Commission; he attended
3 Southwest Texas State University and Sul Ross State University and
4 graduated with honors from Texas State Technical Institute; and

5 WHEREAS, Joe Shuster's dedication and professionalism have
6 greatly benefited the citizens of Pecos County, and he is indeed
7 deserving of this prestigious accolade; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
9 Legislature hereby congratulate Pecos County Judge Joe Shuster on
10 being honored as the 2021 Official of the Year by the West Texas
11 County Judges and Commissioners Association and extend to him
12 sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

13 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
14 prepared for Judge Shuster as an expression of high regard by the
15 Texas House of Representatives.