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H.R. No. 1177

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Frederick William Herzberger, the chief building  
2 official for the city of McKinney, passed away on May 1, 2021, at  
3 the age of 69; and

4 WHEREAS, "Rick" Herzberger was born in Wilmington, Ohio, on  
5 February 21, 1952, to James Robert and Laurys Annie Herzberger; he  
6 grew up with the companionship of a brother, Art, and a sister,  
7 Suzanne, and he went on to graduate from Andrews High School in  
8 Andrews, Texas, in 1970; he worked as a brick mason and found  
9 employment in the oil and gas industry for many years before he  
10 moved with his family to the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex in 1990;  
11 there, he began his professional career in building inspections and  
12 development services, which spanned more than three decades and  
13 included work as the building official for the cities of Wylie,  
14 Rockwall, and DeSoto; and

15 WHEREAS, Mr. Herzberger was hired as the chief building  
16 official for the City of McKinney in June 2013; in that role, he was  
17 an enthusiastic advocate for building safety and building  
18 improvements, and during his tenure, he helped the community keep  
19 pace with the need for new development as its population nearly  
20 doubled; along the way, he oversaw the construction of  
21 approximately 15,000 single-family homes and the addition of over  
22 \$8.3 billion worth of new construction; and

23 WHEREAS, A devoted family man, Mr. Herzberger was blessed  
24 with the affection of his daughters, Rikie and Lucky, and his

1 grandchildren, Ericka, Kennedy, Journey, and Caynan; he enjoyed  
2 supporting his grandchildren in all of their activities, and during  
3 his leisure time, he was fond of playing the guitar and harmonica  
4 and participating in indoor cycling classes; and

5 WHEREAS, Rick Herzberger is deeply missed by all who were  
6 fortunate enough to know him as a loved one, friend, and colleague,  
7 and the impact of his wide-ranging contributions will long be felt  
8 in the communities he served; now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas  
10 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Frederick William  
11 Herzberger and extend sincere sympathy to the members of his  
12 family: to his daughters, Rikie Herzberger and Lucky Herzberger; to  
13 his grandchildren, Ericka Smith, Kennedy Thomas, Journey Thomas,  
14 and Caynan Russell; to his sister, Suzanne Smith, and her husband,  
15 Emory; and to his numerous other relatives and friends; and, be it  
16 further

17 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
18 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
19 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Rick  
20 Herzberger.