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H.R. No. 1197

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The city of Dalhart lost a beloved resident with the
2 death of John Delmas Hancock on February 14, 2021, at the age of 64;
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4 WHEREAS, The son of Vera and John Hancock, "Rusty" Hancock
5 was born in Dalhart on May 22, 1956, and he grew up with the
6 companionship of four siblings, Gary, Sheryl, Nikki, and Kitty; he
7 graduated from Dalhart High School in 1974 and went on to attend
8 West Texas State University; in 1986, he graduated from Hardin-
9 Simmons University; and

10 WHEREAS, A man of deep faith, Mr. Hancock served as a pastor
11 at Lincoln Street Baptist Church for more than two decades, and he
12 offered compassionate guidance and help to families as a hospice
13 and hospital chaplain; in addition, he worked tirelessly to benefit
14 his community as a member of the Dalhart City Council and as the
15 board president of Panhandle Community Services; among his many
16 achievements, he was named the 2015 Citizen of the Year; and

17 WHEREAS, In all his endeavors, Mr. Hancock enjoyed the love
18 and support of his wife, Celle, with whom he shared a rewarding
19 marriage that spanned more than four decades, and he took great
20 pride in his three children, Trista, Tessa, and Ty; over the years,
21 he had the pleasure of welcoming into his family nine
22 grandchildren, Isaac, Elise, Josh, Gavin, Lillian, Kenton, Keylee,
23 Lorelai, and Carter; and

24 WHEREAS, An engaged citizen, a devoted family man, and an

1 admired spiritual leader, Rusty Hancock leaves behind a record of
2 good works that will long resonate in the Dalhart community; now,
3 therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
5 Legislature hereby honor the memory of John Delmas Hancock and
6 extend sincere sympathy to all who mourn his passing; and, be it
7 further

8 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
9 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
10 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Rusty
11 Hancock.