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H.R. No. 1205

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Stephen Kent Balas, a valued member of the Eagle  
2 Lake community and a friend to many, passed away on April 20, 2021,  
3 at the age of 75; and

4           WHEREAS, Steve Balas was born on February 20, 1946, in  
5 Lindsay, California, and he grew up with the companionship of two  
6 siblings, Tony and Julie; after graduating from Eagle Lake High  
7 School in 1964, he went on to earn a degree in pharmacy from The  
8 University of Texas at Austin in 1969; and

9           WHEREAS, Mr. Balas became the owner and chief pharmacist of  
10 the Eagle Lake Drugstore, where he enjoyed a rewarding career that  
11 spanned more than three decades; he was known to treat his employees  
12 like family, and he was always happy to engage in a friendly chat  
13 with a customer; a respected member of his profession, he  
14 participated in a number of medical and pharmaceutical  
15 organizations, including the Rice Medical Foundation, the Eagle  
16 Lake Hospital Board, and the Texas Pharmacy Association; in  
17 addition, he was a skilled rice farmer and a an advocate on behalf  
18 of the rice industry, serving as the president of the Texas Rice  
19 Producers Legislative Group and as a member of USA Rice; he was also  
20 appointed to the Lower Colorado River Authority, where he completed  
21 multiple terms; a man of deep faith, he was a valued congregant of  
22 the United Methodist Church; and

23           WHEREAS, In all his endeavors, Mr. Balas benefited from the  
24 love and support of his wife, Linda, and they became the parents of

1 two children, Renee Balas Bullard and Brian Thomas Balas, who  
2 preceded their father in death; over the years, they had the  
3 pleasure of welcoming into their family two grandsons, Trevor and  
4 Brandon; Mr. Balas took great pleasure in traveling around the  
5 world with his wife, and the couple also liked to entertain at their  
6 home; and

7 WHEREAS, An engaged citizen, a devoted family man, and an  
8 admired professional, Steve Balas lived a rich and purposeful life,  
9 and he leaves behind a record of service that his loved ones can  
10 remember with pride; now, therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas  
12 Legislature hereby honor the memory of Stephen Kent Balas and  
13 extend sincere sympathy to all who mourn his passing; and, be it  
14 further

15 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
16 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
17 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Steve  
18 Balas.