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## RESOLUTION

- 1 WHEREAS, The citizens of Wheeler County lost an esteemed
- 2 civic leader with the death of Judge Jerry Dan Hefley on May 6,
- 3 2021, at the age of 77; and
- WHEREAS, The son of Dan and Willie Hefley, Jerry Hefley was
- 5 born in Wheeler on November 6, 1943, and he grew up with the
- 6 companionship of six siblings; and
- 7 WHEREAS, In 1985, Mr. Hefley began working as the Wheeler
- 8 County tax assessor-collector, and 14 years later, he became the
- 9 county judge; highly dedicated to his community, he was an avid
- 10 supporter of the county fire departments and emergency medical
- 11 services; in addition, he was involved in Wheeler County 4-H, and he
- 12 was instrumental in establishing the 4-H Shooting Sports Complex in
- 13 Shamrock; a man of deep faith, he was a valued congregant of the
- 14 Church of Christ-Wheeler Area; and
- WHEREAS, In all his endeavors, Judge Hefley benefited from
- 16 the love and support of his wife, Carolyn, with whom he shared a
- 17 rewarding marriage that spanned more than four and a half decades;
- 18 he took great pride in their sons, Justin and Kendall, and with the
- 19 passing years, he had the pleasure of welcoming into his family
- 20 three grandchildren, Olivia, Jaylee, and Avery; in his leisure
- 21 time, he liked fishing and cheering on local sports teams, and he
- 22 also enjoyed cattle ranching; and
- 23 WHEREAS, Judge Jerry Hefley was a devoted family man and a
- 24 significant asset to his community, and his commitment to his loved

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- 1 ones and to Wheeler County will be remembered and admired for years
- 2 to come; now, therefore, be it
- RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
- 4 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of the Honorable Jerry
- 5 Dan Hefley and extend sincere sympathy to the members of his family:
- 6 to his wife, Carolyn Hefley; to his sons, Justin Hefley and his
- 7 wife, Mireille, and Kendall Hefley and his wife, Christian; to his
- 8 sister, Mary Helen Kelley; to his grandchildren, Olivia, Jaylee,
- 9 and Avery Hefley; and to his other relatives and friends; and, be it
- 10 further
- 11 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
- 12 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
- 13 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Jerry
- 14 Hefley.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1247 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on May 23, 2021.

Chief Clerk of the House