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H.R. No. 1247

R E S O L U T I O N

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

4 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

15 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

1 ones and to Wheeler County will be remembered and admired for years
2 to come; now, therefore, be it

3 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.