

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, All who shared in the life of Dr. Ennis Holmes of
2 Mexia were deeply saddened by his passing on July 17, 2020, at the
3 age of 82; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in Houston on April 10, 1938, Ennis Holmes was
5 the son of Ennis R. Holmes and Hester B. Robertson Askew, and he
6 grew up with the companionship of his four siblings, Frances,
7 Tommy, Larry, and Johnny; following his graduation from Mexia High
8 school, he answered his nation's call to duty and joined the United
9 States Navy; he later attended Texas A&M University, where he
10 earned his doctorate in veterinary medicine; and

11 WHEREAS, Dr. Holmes began his career as a veterinarian when
12 he opened Holmes Animal Clinic in his stepfather's barn in
13 Coolidge; he went on to move his practice to Mexia, where he
14 continued to provide care until his retirement in March 2019; in
15 addition, he served as director of the Texas Animal Health
16 Commission in Beeville and taught microbiology at Navarro College;
17 he was also a cattle rancher, and he enjoyed playing golf in his
18 leisure time; and

19 WHEREAS, Active in his community, Dr. Holmes was a member of
20 the Limestone County Appraisal Review Board, and he served as
21 president of the Mexia Ex-Students Association; a man of faith, he
22 was a valued congregant of the First United Methodist Church, where
23 he was an usher; and

24 WHEREAS, Dr. Holmes married Charlse Ann Moody, and they

1 became the proud parents of a daughter, Holly; with the passing
2 years, Dr. Holmes had the pleasure of seeing his family grow to
3 include two grandsons, Christian and Cameron, and a
4 great-granddaughter, Blakely; and

5 WHEREAS, Dr. Ennis Holmes lived a rich and purposeful life,
6 and he will forever be remembered with deep affection by all who
7 held him close to their hearts; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
9 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Dr. Ennis Holmes and
10 extend sincere condolences to the members of his family: to his
11 daughter, Holly Kuehn, and her husband, Heath; to his grandsons,
12 Christian Ellison and Cameron Ellison and his wife, Shelby; to his
13 great-granddaughter, Blakely Ellison; to his brother, Johnny
14 Holmes, and his wife, Charlotte; to his brother-in-law, Allen
15 Miller; to his sisters-in-law, Laura Beth Holmes-Tuscana and
16 Cynthia Holmes; to his many nieces, nephews, and cousins; and to his
17 other relatives and friends; and, be it further

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

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H.R. No. 1286

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1286 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on May 23, 2021.

Chief Clerk of the House