

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Richard Marvin Lannen of Dallas passed away on May
2 1, 2021, at the age of 74, bringing a great loss to his family and
3 friends; and

4 WHEREAS, Rick Lannen was born in Compton, California, on
5 February 22, 1947, to Dick and Rosalie Lannen, and he grew up with
6 the companionship of a younger brother, Larry; after graduating
7 from Fergus High School in Lewistown, Montana, Mr. Lannen attended
8 Dartmouth College, where he served as president, vice president,
9 and treasurer of the Young Democrats of Dartmouth; and

10 WHEREAS, Shortly after enrolling in law school at The
11 University of Texas at Austin, Mr. Lannen was drafted into the
12 United States Army, and he served in the Vietnam War until being
13 honorably discharged in 1971; his experience as an army legal clerk
14 helped him to finish his juris doctor degree, and he subsequently
15 worked as a judicial clerk for the U.S. Fifth Circuit Court of
16 Appeals; entering private practice, he was hired by the law firm of
17 Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld, where he made partner in 1979, and
18 he remained there until starting his own law firm in 1989; and

19 WHEREAS, Rick Lannen met his future wife, the former Virginia
20 Pendergrass, on the steps of the Texas State Capitol; the couple
21 shared a loving marriage, and he cherished their blended family,
22 which included five children and nine grandchildren; and

23 WHEREAS, Mr. Lannen believed wholeheartedly in the
24 importance of helping others, and he never hesitated to lend a hand

1 to anyone in need; he was also a staunch supporter and advocate for
2 Big Bend National Park, and his work in behalf of the park
3 eventually led to him serving as president and board member of the
4 Big Bend Conservancy; in his free time, he enjoyed attending Texas
5 Rangers games as a season ticket holder, and he was also an avid
6 hunter, a die-hard Willie Nelson fan, and a chili connoisseur; and

7 WHEREAS, Rick Lannen lived a rich and purposeful life devoted
8 to his family, his profession, and the causes he held dear, and he
9 will forever be remembered with great admiration and affection;
10 now, therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
12 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Richard Marvin Lannen
13 and extend deepest sympathy to the members of his family: to his
14 wife, Virginia Lannen; to his children, Richard Henry Lannen and
15 his fiancée, Renata, Richard Justin Lannen and his wife, Shiela,
16 Whitney Lannen, John Bucy and his wife, Molly, and Virginia Hart and
17 her husband, Ryan; to his grandchildren, Grant Tadayon, Lila
18 Tadayon, Richard Aidan Lannen, Jordan Lannen, Avery Lannen,
19 Catherine Hart, Jackson Hart, Ryan Hart Jr., and Bradley Bucy; and
20 to his other relatives and friends; and, be it further

21 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
22 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
23 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Rick
24 Lannen.

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H.R. No. 1339

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1339 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on May 26, 2021.

Chief Clerk of the House