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H.R. No. 1513

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The untimely death of Brian Wesley Portugal of
2 Richardson on May 12, 2021, at the age of 40, has brought a great
3 loss to his family and friends; and

4 WHEREAS, The son of Dr. Joseph S. Portugal and Donna Allen,
5 Brian Portugal was born in Dallas on August 27, 1980; he completed
6 his bachelor's degree in history and political science at Texas
7 Christian University and went on to graduate from the Baylor
8 University School of Law; while working as a clerk for a senior
9 federal district judge in Tulsa, Oklahoma, he was an adjunct
10 faculty member at the University of Tulsa College of Law; he moved
11 to Houston in 2006 to serve as a clerk for an appeals court judge and
12 then became a special assistant U.S. attorney and an assistant
13 state attorney general in the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit; later,
14 he was employed with the Dallas County Public Defender's Office and
15 Meadows, Collier, Reed, Cousins, Crouch & Ungerman before going on
16 to become an assistant U.S. attorney for the Northern District of
17 Texas; and

18 WHEREAS, Mr. Portugal married the former Shannon Sanders on
19 September 25, 2010; they shared a similar sense of humor, as well as
20 a love of good food, good friends, and dogs, including their chow,
21 Jane; avid travelers, they visited Europe, the United Kingdom,
22 Canada, and many U.S. cities, and they enjoyed seeing the Boston Red
23 Sox, Cleveland Indians, and Chicago Cubs on their home fields; they
24 also spent many happy times in Santa Fe, New Mexico; Mr. Portugal

1 was a lifelong Episcopalian and served as a Eucharistic minister at
2 Trinity Episcopal Church in Fort Worth; a man of many talents, he
3 was an excellent cook and an eloquent writer, and he possessed a
4 remarkable memory; and

5 WHEREAS, In all his endeavors, Brian Portugal sought to make
6 a positive difference in the world around him, and although he is
7 deeply missed by those he left behind, they will forever remember
8 his kindness, integrity, and dedication to his family and friends;
9 now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
11 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Brian Wesley Portugal
12 and extend sincere condolences to his loved ones; and, be it further

13 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
14 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
15 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Brian
16 Wesley Portugal.