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H.R. No. 2013

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The Honorable Wayne Patrick Priest of San Antonio,  
2 an esteemed judge and friend to many, passed away on October 12,  
3 2018, at the age of 77; and

4           WHEREAS, Pat Priest was born in Gainesville, Florida, on  
5 November 13, 1940; following his graduation from Harlingen High  
6 School in 1958, he attended Tulane University on a full Navy ROTC  
7 scholarship, and he completed his education at St. Mary's  
8 University School of Law in San Antonio, where he earned his doctor  
9 of jurisprudence degree, graduating magna cum laude 1969; and

10           WHEREAS, Mr. Priest began his career practicing  
11 independently as a trial lawyer, and he gained board certification  
12 in criminal law in 1975; he was first elected as judge of the 187th  
13 District Court in 1980, and he served in that role for 14 years  
14 before becoming a visiting judge in 1995 and, later, a senior judge,  
15 presiding over cases by assignment throughout the state until 2018;  
16 in addition, he taught criminal law and procedure and trial  
17 advocacy at St. Mary's and authored the book *Texas Courtroom*  
18 *Criminal Evidence*; and

19           WHEREAS, Active in his community, Judge Priest coached Little  
20 League and served as president of Camp Fire Girls and the Good  
21 Samaritan Center board; he also gave generously of his time and  
22 talents to a jail chaplaincy board and the Alamo Area Council of  
23 Governments; and

24           WHEREAS, Above all else, Judge Priest was devoted to his wife

1 of 57 years, Nancy, and their children, Melissa, Jeff, Rebecca, and  
2 Matthew, and with the passing years, he had the pleasure of seeing  
3 his family grow to include three grandchildren, Clayton, Benjamin,  
4 and Mallory; and

5 WHEREAS, Pat Priest earned the admiration of all who knew  
6 him, not only for his integrity and commitment to justice, but also  
7 for his exceptional kindness and generosity, and he leaves behind a  
8 legacy that his loved ones can remember with pride; now, therefore,  
9 be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas  
11 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of the Honorable Wayne  
12 Patrick Priest and extend sincere condolences to all who mourn his  
13 passing; and, be it further

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