

By: Moody

H.R. No. 65

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Victor Michael Firth of El Paso, a respected
2 attorney, football official, and friend to many, passed away on May
3 17, 2023, at the age of 63; and

4 WHEREAS, The son of Virginia L. White and Victor V. Firth,
5 Victor Firth was born on February 15, 1960; after graduating from
6 The University of Texas at El Paso and UT School of Law, he
7 practiced with Crowe & Dunlevy before joining the Grambling-Mounce
8 firm; he developed a thriving commercial real estate practice and
9 rose to become a shareholder; in 2020, he established Victor M.
10 Firth, P.C., with the goal of fostering a positive work-life
11 balance allowing time for families and community engagement; he
12 found like-minded partners, and the firm is now known as Firth,
13 Bunn, Kerr, Neill, P.C.; a mentor to other transactional law
14 attorneys, he also quietly shared his expertise, often pro bono,
15 with low-income entrepreneurs and domestic violence victims; and

16 WHEREAS, Mr. Firth was a marvelous storyteller and
17 conversationalist, knowledgeable about a wide variety of topics; he
18 especially enjoyed talking about sports, and he played golf,
19 tennis, basketball, and racquetball; in addition, he completed
20 numerous marathons and took pleasure in pool and horse racing; most
21 of all, he loved football, and in 1988, he began officiating; he
22 eventually became a Division 1 collegiate football official and
23 worked hundreds of games in multiple conferences, capping his
24 career by officiating the 2021 Army-Navy game; and

1 WHEREAS, In 2005, Mr. Firth and a partner launched the West
2 Texas Football Clinic to provide training and placement
3 opportunities for aspiring college football officials; every
4 Memorial Day weekend, the camp drew hundreds of participants eager
5 to learn from NFL and NCAA officials and hiring supervisors; he
6 served on the Sun Bowl Association team host committee for many
7 years as well; in 2021, he was inducted into the El Paso Athletic
8 Hall of Fame; and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. Firth was supported in all his endeavors by the
10 love and encouragement of his wife of nearly 37 years, Sylvia
11 Borunda Firth; he was devoted to her and to his "fur kids," Cara,
12 Referee, and Rocky; and

13 WHEREAS, Although Victor Firth is deeply missed, those
14 fortunate enough to share in the richness of his life will continue
15 to find inspiration in his warmth, kindness, and integrity; now,
16 therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas
18 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the memory
19 of Victor Michael Firth and extend sincere condolences to his loved
20 ones: to his wife, Sylvia Borunda Firth; to his Borunda family; and
21 to his other relatives and host of friends; and, be it further

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