

By: Morales of Maverick

H.R. No. 189

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Family and friends were deeply saddened by the death
2 of John Norman Wright Petry of Carrizo Springs on September 17,
3 2023, at the age of 77; and

4 WHEREAS, The son of Josephine White Wright Petry and Hinton
5 Booth Wright, John Petry was born in Laredo on December 25, 1945,
6 and he was raised from the age of two by his stepfather, Herbert
7 Charles "Herb" Petry; after attending Carrizo Springs High School,
8 he went on to graduate from Trinity University and St. Mary's
9 University School of Law; he served in the U.S. Army from 1967 to
10 1974, attaining the rank of first lieutenant; and

11 WHEREAS, In 1970, Mr. Petry joined the Petry & Petry Law
12 firm, and three decades later, he was hired by Langley & Banack; his
13 practice focused on the oil and gas industry and complex land and
14 mineral cases; dedicated to his profession, he was a member of the
15 Maverick County Bar Association and served as president of the
16 Dimmit County Bar Association; for two terms, he served on the State
17 Bar of Texas district grievance committee, and he was named a Fellow
18 of the Texas Bar Foundation; he retired in January 2023; and

19 WHEREAS, Mr. Petry was also a director of Union State Bank
20 for almost three decades, and he served the wider community in a
21 number of leadership roles, earning recognition as Dimmit County
22 Man of the Year; he was a member of the Carrizo Springs city council
23 from 1974 to 1978, and he served Lions International as a district
24 governor and ambassador of goodwill; an active member of Holy

1 Trinity Episcopal Church, he served for over 40 years as the
2 bishop's warden; he was an avid golfer and played a key role in
3 developing Carrizo Springs Municipal Golf Course; and

4 WHEREAS, Above all, Mr. Petry was devoted to his family; he
5 married the former Jill Little on August 10, 1968, and they became
6 the parents of two daughters, Jana and Jodi; eventually, they were
7 blessed with five grandchildren, and he instilled his love of the
8 land in them all; he loved hosting relatives and friends at the
9 ranch to hunt, drink wine, and enjoy the outdoors; and

10 WHEREAS, John Petry lived a rich and purposeful life centered
11 around his family, his faith, and his community, and those he left
12 behind will treasure their memories of his warmth and kindness;
13 now, therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas
15 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the life of
16 John Norman Wright Petry and extend sincere sympathy to the members
17 of his family: to his wife, Jill Little Petry; to his daughters,
18 Jana Gordon and her husband, David, and Jodi Wood and her husband,
19 Michael; to his grandchildren, Michael "3Wood" Wood III, Catherine
20 Gordon, Payton Wood, William Gordon, and Henry Gordon; to his
21 brother, Hinton Booth Wright "Boots" Petry; and to his many other
22 relatives and friends; and, be it further

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