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H.R. No. 21

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The passing of John W. Fainter Jr. of Austin on
2 August 29, 2020, at the age of 81, concluded a remarkable life of
3 service to his fellow Texans; and

4 WHEREAS, John Fainter was born to Ruth and John Wells Fainter
5 on April 20, 1939, in Pecos and was raised in Austin alongside his
6 brother, Robert; a proud alumnus of Austin High School, he
7 continued his education at The University of Texas at Austin, where
8 he earned both a bachelor of arts degree and a law degree; and

9 WHEREAS, Following his graduation, Mr. Fainter accepted a
10 position as an investigator with the State Securities Board,
11 embarking on a successful career in public service that would span
12 more than half a century; he subsequently served as first assistant
13 attorney general of Texas and as secretary of state, and he later
14 became the chief of staff for Governor Ann Richards; he also worked
15 with a regional investment firm and was president and CEO of the
16 Association of Electric Companies of Texas; and

17 WHEREAS, Mr. Fainter further benefited the State of Texas
18 through his leadership roles with the Public Safety Commission, the
19 Governor's Select Committee on Water Quality Standards for Colorado
20 River, and various other committees; moreover, he served on
21 numerous UT Austin boards and councils, earning the university's
22 Distinguished Alumnus Award as well as honorary membership with the
23 law school's Order of the Coif; admired for his keen insight and
24 quiet confidence, he acted as a mentor and advisor to countless

1 people through the years; and

2 WHEREAS, In all his endeavors, Mr. Fainter drew strength from
3 the rewarding marriage he shared with his wife, Susan, and he took
4 great pride in his three children, John, Mary, and Jenny; with the
5 passing years, he had the pleasure of seeing his family grow to
6 include seven grandchildren, Riley, Ryan, Wells, Doug, William,
7 Sarah, and Grace; and

8 WHEREAS, A devoted family man and a dedicated public servant,
9 John Fainter leaves behind a legacy of good works that will long
10 resonate in the Lone Star State; now, therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas
12 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of John W. Fainter Jr.
13 and extend sincere condolences to all who mourn his passing; and, be
14 it further

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