

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Former State Representative Jerry A. Madden of
2 Richardson is celebrating his 80th birthday on February 20, 2023,
3 to the great delight of his family and friends; and

4 WHEREAS, The son of Jerry and Lucille Madden, Jerry Madden
5 was born in Council Bluffs, Iowa, in 1943; he graduated from the
6 United States Military Academy at West Point with a bachelor's
7 degree in engineering; commissioned as a second lieutenant, field
8 artillery, he served in Germany before his deployment to Vietnam in
9 1968 as commanding officer of Battery A, 3rd Battalion of the 52nd
10 Artillery Group's 6th Artillery; promoted to captain, he led his
11 unit in movements all around the fire bases in the Central
12 Highlands, supporting infantry units; from 1969 to 1971, he was
13 stationed at Fort Sill in Oklahoma, where he was an instructor in
14 nuclear, biological, and chemical weapons and worked on the project
15 that developed the use of computers in fire control artillery; in
16 addition to his Airborne and Ranger tabs, he received such
17 decorations as the Vietnam Campaign Service Medal, the Army Good
18 Conduct Medal, and the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal; and

19 WHEREAS, After completing six years of military service,
20 Mr. Madden earned a master's degree in management and
21 administration sciences from The University of Texas at Dallas; he
22 was employed by Texas Instruments and then by Teledyne Geotech; in
23 2000, he established Jerry Madden Insurance, which he sold upon his
24 retirement eight years later; and

1 WHEREAS, Mr. Madden has served his community in numerous
2 leadership roles, including as president of the Collin County
3 School Board and chair of the Collin County Hospital Board; he was
4 instrumental in launching the Collin County Caring for Children
5 program and served on its board; for many years, he was a member of
6 the board of the Prisoner Entrepreneurship Program; dedicated to
7 conservative principles, he served as a Republican party precinct
8 chair and then as county GOP chair; and

9 WHEREAS, In 1992, Mr. Madden was elected to the first of 10
10 terms in the Texas House; he was a member of numerous committees and
11 served as chair of the Corrections, Criminal Justice Oversight, and
12 State Affairs Committees, as co-chair of the Select Committee on
13 the Operation and Management of the Texas Youth Commission, and as
14 vice chair of the Elections Committee; during his tenure, he won
15 plaudits for such legislative initiatives as the 2007 criminal
16 justice system reforms; the comprehensive changes allowed for
17 rehabilitation opportunities, for the diversion of some prisoners
18 into mental health and substance abuse treatment programs, and for
19 improved probation and parole mechanisms resulting in cost savings
20 and safer communities; he played a key role in juvenile justice
21 reforms and judicial campaign fairness measures as well, and he
22 advocated for victims' rights; and

23 WHEREAS, Mr. Madden also demonstrated a deep commitment to
24 retired and active members of the military, and he authored and
25 secured passage of legislation ensuring that those on lengthy
26 deployments would have their votes counted in elections, as well as
27 legislation to protect military families by allowing them to defer

1 property taxes during deployment; moreover, he proposed a
2 constitutional amendment that later became law relating to ad
3 valorem tax exemptions for disabled veterans and their families;
4 sensitive to the needs of combat veterans, he was responsible for
5 groundbreaking legislation creating Veteran Courts that have
6 proven especially crucial to those in need of resources for such
7 issues as post-traumatic stress disorder, service-related
8 injuries, and homelessness; he coauthored successful legislation
9 establishing a state virtual education system for the benefit of
10 military personnel, and it proved invaluable for children across
11 the state during the COVID-19 pandemic; named one of the 10 Best
12 Legislators by *Texas Monthly* magazine in 2007, he was selected as
13 American Legislative Exchange Council Legislator of the Year four
14 years later; and

15 WHEREAS, Along the way, Mr. Madden was appointed to the Texas
16 State Council for Interstate Adult Offender Supervision; he made an
17 impact beyond Texas as a member of the board of the Council of State
18 Governments' Justice Center, as chair of the Law and Criminal
19 Justice Committee formed by the National Conference of State
20 Legislatures, and as co-chair of the National Conference of State
21 Legislatures' Sentencing and Corrections Work Group; and

22 WHEREAS, Since his retirement from public office, Mr. Madden
23 has continued to serve in a number of capacities; he is a Senior
24 Fellow for Right on Crime at the Texas Public Policy Foundation and
25 a member of both the national board of the Prison Entrepreneurship
26 Program and the board of Unlocking Doors; in addition, he serves the
27 American Legislative Exchange Council as a member of the Texas

1 Criminal Justice Integrity Unit; and

2 WHEREAS, Over the years, Mr. Madden has been the recipient of
3 numerous honors, including the inaugural Carmen Miller Michael
4 Mental Health Advocate Prism Award and recognition from such
5 organizations as the American Legion Department of Texas, Common
6 Cause Texas, and the Texas Criminal Justice Coalition; in 2017, he
7 garnered the Susan McHenry Golden Key Award for his tireless
8 efforts in behalf of Criminal Justice Reform; he was also named a
9 UT-Dallas Distinguished Alumnus; and

10 WHEREAS, Devoted to his family, Mr. Madden shared a
11 fulfilling marriage of 51 years with the love of his life, Barbara
12 Madden, until her passing in 2017; the couple raised three
13 treasured children, Jerry, Stephanie, and Kristina, and they were
14 blessed with five grandchildren; and

15 WHEREAS, A generous mentor and an inspiring role model to
16 many, Jerry Madden is respected and admired by all who are
17 privileged to know him, and as he celebrates this milestone, he may
18 reflect with great satisfaction on his wide-ranging contributions;
19 now, therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas
21 Legislature hereby congratulate the Honorable Jerry A. Madden on
22 the occasion of his 80th birthday and extend to him sincere best
23 wishes for continued happiness; and, be it further

24 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
25 prepared for Mr. Madden as an expression of high regard by the Texas
26 House of Representatives.

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H.R. No. 254

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 254 was adopted by the House on March 8, 2023, by the following vote: Yeas 140, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House