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H.R. No. 569

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A life dedicated to the service of the Lone Star
2 State drew to a close with the death of the Honorable Richard Lee
3 Crawford of Amarillo on July 18, 2022, at the age of 71; and

4 WHEREAS, Rick Crawford was born in San Antonio on March 6,
5 1951, to Jack and Dolores Crawford, and he grew up with two
6 brothers, Michael and Steve Crawford, two stepbrothers, Johnny and
7 Scott Johnson, and a stepsister, Paula; he was raised in Fort Worth
8 and Amarillo and graduated from Tascosa High School, where he was a
9 star player on the football team; and

10 WHEREAS, An alumnus of The University of Texas at Austin,
11 Mr. Crawford was a devoted member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity
12 and worked his way through college as a real estate agent; after
13 graduating in 1976 with a bachelor's degree in business
14 administration, he settled in Amarillo and embarked on a successful
15 career in commercial real estate; and

16 WHEREAS, In 1988, Mr. Crawford was elected to represent
17 District 87 in the Texas House of Representatives, and during his
18 two terms in the legislature, he co-sponsored and helped to pass a
19 number of business-friendly bills, including the Worker's
20 Compensation Reform Bill, as well as the Wilson-Crawford Bill,
21 which established the Texas Lottery; he was a member of the
22 government efficiency, state affairs, county affairs, and public
23 safety committees, and he was vice chair of the public safety
24 subcommittee on budget and oversight; and

1 WHEREAS, Mr. Crawford went on to serve as special assistant
2 to House Speaker Pete Laney, and he represented the speaker on the
3 Texas Bond Review Board and oversaw the \$192 million restoration of
4 the Capitol; in 1995, he was appointed as executive director of the
5 Texas State Preservation Board, where he played a vital role in the
6 design and development of the \$78 million Bob Bullock Texas State
7 History Museum; during his tenure at the preservation board, he
8 also oversaw the South Capitol Grounds Project and the
9 redevelopment of the Capitol's parking system; and

10 WHEREAS, In 2003, Mr. Crawford resumed his career in
11 commercial real estate in Amarillo, and that same year, he married
12 his longtime love, Janis "JR" Wilson; the couple delighted in
13 spending time with friends and following the fortunes of the Texas
14 Longhorns; they were members of First Presbyterian Church, and
15 Mr. Crawford was also active with the Amarillo Association of
16 Realtors and other trade groups; and

17 WHEREAS, Rick Crawford lived a rich and purposeful life
18 devoted to his family, his profession, and his fellow citizens, and
19 he leaves behind a legacy of service that will continue to inspire
20 all those who knew and loved him; now, therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas
22 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Richard Lee
23 Crawford and extend heartfelt sympathy to the members of his
24 family: to his wife, JR Wilson; to his brothers, Michael Crawford
25 and his wife, Barbara, and Steve Crawford and his wife, Lynn; to his
26 sister-in-law, Carol; to his brother-in-law, Charley; to his
27 stepsister, Paula; to his nephews and nieces, Stephen, Chase, Eric,

1 Courtney, Caley, and Sarah; and to his other relatives and many
2 friends; and, be it further

3 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
4 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
5 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Richard Lee
6 Crawford.