

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Former State Representative Robert R. Turner of
2 Voss, an ardent champion of rural Texas, passed away on
3 June 19, 2022, at the age of 87; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in Coleman on August 10, 1934, Bob Turner was
5 the son of Willard and Helen Turner; after graduating from high
6 school, he enlisted in the U.S. Army and rose to the rank of
7 lieutenant colonel during almost 35 years in the military; he
8 commanded a reserve unit, the 490th Civil Affairs Company, and
9 received the prestigious Silver Cross of Honor from Germany's armed
10 forces for his work in negotiations among the U.S., NATO, and
11 Germany during the Cold War; and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. Turner established Bob Turner's Western Wear in
13 1958 and ran the business for two decades; subsequently, he focused
14 on farming and ranching at the old homestead in Voss; he benefited
15 his community as president of the local school board and of the
16 chamber of commerce; having distinguished himself as vice president
17 of the Texas Farm Bureau, he was urged to enter a special election
18 for a seat in the Texas House of Representatives in 1991; throughout
19 his 12-year tenure in office, he was a tireless advocate for his
20 constituents and all rural Texans; he chaired the Public Safety
21 Committee and served as vice chair of both the Land and Resource
22 Management Committee and the Select Committee on Military and
23 Veterans Affairs; his legislative accomplishments included bills
24 to enhance property rights, create a statewide insurance pool for

1 rural fire departments, and establish the Office of Rural Community
2 Affairs; in 1995, he secured passage of a bill that penalized
3 statements about agricultural products when proved false,
4 disparaging, and economically harmful; while in office, he loved to
5 talk up his famously hardworking staff, and even after he retired,
6 he continued to gather with them to catch up and reminisce; and

7 WHEREAS, In his next chapter, Mr. Turner founded a consulting
8 company to continue his efforts in behalf of rural interests; he
9 enjoyed working with such organizations as the Texas Sheep and Goat
10 Raisers Association, the Independent Cattlemen's Association, and
11 the Earthmoving Contractors Association of Texas; in addition, he
12 was executive director of the Coleman Development Company; and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. Turner was preceded in death by his first wife,
14 Ann Holt Turner, and his second wife, Mona Faye Cook Turner; he took
15 great pride in his three sons, Sam, Darrel, and Gary, as well as his
16 stepson, Steven Saloman, his seven grandchildren, and his
17 great-granddaughter; a man of faith, he led the singing at the
18 Methodist church in Voss, and his sonorous voice could make the
19 small congregation sound like a mighty choir; he also played
20 guitar, and back in the day, he often performed on radio station
21 KSTA and on Slim Willet's show on KRBC; through the years, he kept
22 in touch with old friends and former colleagues, serving as a father
23 figure to many and an inspiration to all; and

24 WHEREAS, Admired for his warmth, kindness, and wonderful
25 sense of humor, as well as his long record of service, Bob Turner
26 made a meaningful difference in the lives of countless people, and
27 his contributions will be remembered for years to come; now,

1 therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas
3 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of the Honorable
4 Robert R. Turner and extend sincere condolences to all who mourn his
5 passing; and, be it further

6 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
7 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
8 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Robert R.
9 "Bob" Turner.

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Campos
Thompson of Brazoria

H.R. No. 1001

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1001 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on April 20, 2023.

Chief Clerk of the House