## RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Family and friends have suffered an immeasurable 2 loss with the untimely passing of Alan D. Vera of Houston on 3 May 4, 2023, at the age of 75; and

WHEREAS, Before beginning his successful business career, Alan Vera graduated magna cum laude from Loyola University with a bachelor's degree in political and military science; Mr. Vera valiantly served his country as a United States Army Airborne Ranger from 1970 to 1974, receiving multiple awards and unit citations for his service; during the Vietnam War, he completed 22 nighttime jumps behind enemy lines; and

11 WHEREAS, After his military career, Mr. Vera went on to serve 12 as president and chief executive officer of the Quest Business 13 Agency, a role he held for nearly four decades; over the course of 14 his tenure, he was honored and recognized for his success and 15 innovations in his field with numerous accolades, including 16 Marketer of the Year by the American Marketing Association and 17 Vendor of the Year by FedEx Retail Operations; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Vera was one of the original founders of True the Vote and had served as the ballot security chairman for the Harris County Republican Party since 2014; he had worked with members of both chambers to write legislation to improve election integrity and was named Volunteer of the Year for SD 7 by the State Republican Executive Committee (SREC); he and his wife, Colleen, were honored with the lifetime achievement award presented by the

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Harris County Republican Party at the Lincoln Reagan Dinner in March 2022; on April 20, 2023, shortly before his passing, he celebrated his birthday in the House Elections Committee; Mr. Vera gave all the credit for whatever good he accomplished in his life to Almighty God; and

6 WHEREAS, Although his journey on this earth ended too soon, 7 Alan Vera passed away doing what he loved, testifying at the Texas 8 State Capitol on election integrity bills; he impacted the lives of 9 everyone around him in ways beyond measure with his compassion, 10 empathy, and kindness, and they will forever hold him close in their 11 hearts; now, therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas 13 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Alan D. Vera and 14 extend profound condolences to the members of his family: to his 15 wife, Colleen Vera; to his seven children; to his six beautiful and 16 energetic grandchildren; and to his other relatives and friends; 17 and, be it further

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

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1479 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on May 5, 2023.

Chief Clerk of the House