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S.R. No. 8

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A life made rich through meaningful service drew to  
2 a close with the passing of Reginald Reagan Connor Jr. of Walnut  
3 Grove on June 13, 2025, at the age of 90; and

4 WHEREAS, The son of Reginald and Sararose Connor, "Reg"  
5 Connor was born in Henderson on May 14, 1935, and he grew up in  
6 Whitehouse and Tyler with two siblings, Charles and Linda; he  
7 graduated from Tyler High School; and

8 WHEREAS, Answering his nation's call to duty, Mr. Connor  
9 subsequently joined the U.S. Navy; he served on active duty and then  
10 with the Naval Reserve, and he attained the rating of chief  
11 quartermaster; following the completion of his military tenure, he  
12 attended Tyler Junior College and went on to earn a bachelor's  
13 degree in electrical engineering from The University of Texas; and

14 WHEREAS, From 1962 to 1978, Mr. Connor served as an engineer  
15 at E-Systems in Garland, first with the Army Security Agency and  
16 then with the National Reconnaissance Office; next relocating to  
17 Walnut Grove, he worked as a consulting engineer in private  
18 practice for almost a decade; highly civically engaged, he was a  
19 longtime board member for East Texas Lighthouse for the Blind, and  
20 in 1987, he joined the nonprofit's staff as vice president; he  
21 remained there until his retirement in 2009; additionally, he held  
22 a seat for 30 years on the Tyler Civic Theatre Board of Directors; a  
23 life member of the Texas Exes, he also belonged to the Sons of the  
24 American Revolution and the Sons of the Republic of Texas; and

1           WHEREAS, In all his endeavors, Mr. Connor enjoyed the love  
2 and support of his wife, Sarah, with whom he shared a rewarding  
3 marriage spanning nearly six decades; the couple raised two  
4 children, Sean and Craig, and over the years, they welcomed four  
5 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren into their family;  
6 Mr. Connor treasured gatherings with his loved ones above all else;  
7 in his leisure time, he pursued his passions for gardening, farm  
8 projects, music, and genealogical research; and

9           WHEREAS, A man of honesty, intelligence, and principled  
10 leadership, Reg Connor earned the lasting respect and admiration of  
11 all who were privileged to know him; now, therefore, be it

12           RESOLVED, That the Senate of the 89th Texas Legislature, 1st  
13 Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the memory of Reginald Reagan  
14 Connor Jr. and extend heartfelt condolences to the members of his  
15 family: to his wife, Sarah Connor; to his sons, Sean Connor and  
16 Craig Connor and his wife, Angie; to his grandchildren, Ali and  
17 Riley Connor, Aaron Tolbert, and Brittany Gideon; to his  
18 great-grandchildren, Tyler Tolbert and Brentley and Paislee  
19 Gideon; to his niece and nephews, Christine and Harrison Connor and  
20 Brian Knutzen; and to his other relatives and friends; and, be it  
21 further

22           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
23 prepared for his family and that when the Texas Senate adjourns this  
24 day, it do so in memory of Reg Connor.