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S.R. No. 50

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Family and friends are mourning the loss of
2 Dr. Arthur Steve Baker of Longview, who passed away on May 31, 2025,
3 at the age of 69; and

4 WHEREAS, The son of Arthur George and Patricia Steves Baker,
5 Steve Baker was born on September 27, 1955, in Barberton, Ohio, and
6 he grew up with the companionship of a sister, Mary, and a brother,
7 William; after graduating from Forest Park High School in Beaumont
8 in 1974, he enrolled at Baylor University and majored in chemistry;
9 in 1982, he earned his doctorate of dental surgery from The
10 University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio; he
11 subsequently began practicing dentistry in Longview, and over the
12 course of his 31-year career, he took multiple dental mission trips
13 to Mexico and Belize; and

14 WHEREAS, Active in his community, Dr. Baker was a Tryon Road
15 Special Utility District board member for two decades, and he also
16 dedicated his time to the Great Texas Balloon Race for 30 years,
17 earning the program's highest volunteer honor, the Rudy Bresie
18 Award; through his involvement with the Longview Greggton Rotary
19 Club, he helped host foreign exchange students and supported the
20 rodeo and other local events; in addition, he was a valued member of
21 Trinity Episcopal Church, where he served as a lay minister and as
22 head of the Men of Trinity; and

23 WHEREAS, In all his endeavors, Dr. Baker enjoyed the love and
24 support of his wife, Lisa, with whom he shared a rewarding marriage

1 that spanned 45 years; he took great pride in their children, David
2 and Annabeth, and he enjoyed supporting them in all of their
3 athletic pursuits; and

4 WHEREAS, Steve Baker lived a life that was rich in personal
5 and professional achievements, and he will forever be a source of
6 inspiration to those he has left behind; now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the Senate of the 89th Texas Legislature, 1st
8 Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the memory of Dr. Arthur
9 Steve Baker and extend sincere sympathy to the members of his
10 family: to his wife, Lisa Chiles Baker; to his son, Arthur David
11 Baker; to his daughter, Annabeth Lee Baker; to his sister, Mary
12 Baker Harrison; to his brother, William Warren Baker; and to his
13 other relatives and friends; and, be it further

14 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
15 prepared for his family and that when the Texas Senate adjourns this
16 day, it do so in memory of Steve Baker.