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S.R. No. 24

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Family and friends were deeply saddened by the
2 passing of Cecil W. Rich Jr. of Sulphur Springs on August 2, 2025,
3 at the age of 85; and

4 WHEREAS, The son of Cecil and Lucille Rich, Cecil Rich was
5 born on November 19, 1939, and he grew up with the companionship of
6 three siblings, Don, Debbie, and Alan; answering his nation's call
7 to duty, he joined the U.S. Army, and over the course of his
8 two-decade career, he completed two tours in Vietnam; his military
9 honors included three Bronze Stars and an Air Medal; a true patriot,
10 he was a proud member of the Hopkins County Marine Corps League; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Rich shared many happy years with his wife,
12 Ursula, before her passing, and he took great pride in their
13 children, Jim, Mark, Mike, and Makaya; with the passage of time, he
14 had the pleasure of welcoming into his family 6 grandchildren and 12
15 great-grandchildren; and

16 WHEREAS, Deeply dedicated to his family and his country,
17 Cecil Rich earned the lasting respect and admiration of all who were
18 privileged to know him; now, therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, That the Senate of the 89th Texas Legislature, 2nd
20 Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the life of Cecil W. Rich Jr.
21 and extend heartfelt sympathy to the members of his family: to his
22 sons, Jim Rich and his wife, Ellen, Mark Rich and his wife, Christi,
23 and Mike Rich and his wife, Robin; to his daughter, Makaya McKinney;
24 to his grandchildren, Chris Rich and his wife, Jana, Tiffany Potter

1 and her husband, Jeremy, Drew Rich, Stephanie VanCuren and her
2 husband, Erik, Jennifer Beyer and her husband, Jodie, and April
3 Rich; to his great-grandchildren, Hunter Rich, Joseph and Balin
4 Durst, Hunter and Halee Potter, Aaron and Elisabeth VanCuren,
5 Braidyn, Garrett, and Lillie Beyer, and Trayton and Talon McKinney;
6 to his brother, Don Rich, and his wife, Beth; to his sister, Debbie
7 Maxwell, and her husband, Dee; and to his many other relatives and
8 friends; and, be it further

9 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
10 prepared for his family and that when the Texas Senate adjourns this
11 day, it do so in memory of Cecil Rich.