

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, A rich and purposeful life drew to a close on May 24,  
2 2024, with the passing of Frank Ferrell Davis of Midland at the age  
3 of 80; and

4 WHEREAS, The son of Mary Frank and Paul Davis, Ferrell  
5 "Chivo" Davis was born in Albuquerque, New Mexico, on March 12,  
6 1944, and he grew up with the companionship of a brother, Paul;  
7 after graduating from Midland High School, he attended The  
8 University of Texas at Austin and then went on to earn his  
9 bachelor's degree from Stephen F. Austin State University; he  
10 subsequently answered his nation's call to duty, and following his  
11 military service, he began his professional career in 1967 with  
12 Shell USA, Inc.; after working for various independent oil and gas  
13 companies, he founded Davis Partners, Ltd., in 1978, and he oversaw  
14 the business's growth over the succeeding decades; and

15 WHEREAS, Mr. Davis also had a passion for ranching, and he  
16 managed a successful cow/calf and meat goat operation in Bandera  
17 County, earning a Man of the Year in Texas Agriculture award from  
18 the Texas County Agriculture Agents Association in 2001; engaged in  
19 his community, he served as a board member of the Midland Children's  
20 Rehabilitation Center, Manor Park, Inc., Bynum School, and Texas  
21 Commerce Bank-Midland, and he was an active congregant of First  
22 Methodist Midland; and

23 WHEREAS, In all his endeavors, Mr. Davis was blessed with the  
24 love and support of his wife of 57 years, Polly; he took great pride

1 in their twin daughters, Jennifer and Shelley, and his treasured  
2 family grew to include six grandchildren and a great-granddaughter;  
3 during his leisure hours, he enjoyed entertaining neighbors and  
4 friends and spending time with his many dogs; and

5 WHEREAS, Although Ferrell Davis is deeply missed, memories of  
6 his enthusiasm for life, his strength of character, and his  
7 devotion to his family remain to comfort and inspire those he leaves  
8 behind; now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the 89th Legislature of the State of Texas  
10 hereby pay tribute to the life of Frank Ferrell Davis and extend  
11 sincere sympathy to the members of his family: to his wife, Polly  
12 Chappell Davis; to his daughters, Jennifer Davis Hord and her  
13 husband, Willis, and Shelley Davis Harper and her husband, Jack; to  
14 his grandchildren, Lauren Ferrell Harper, Davis Lee Hord and his  
15 wife, Margaret, Ellen Claire Hord, Hunt Daniel Hord, Caroline  
16 Bryant Harper, and Olivia Chappell Harper; to his great-grandchild,  
17 Frances Fox Hord; to his brother, Paul L. Davis Jr., and his wife,  
18 Betty Rae; to his sister-in-law, Carolyn Chappell Light, and her  
19 husband, David; to his brother-in-law, David Scott Miles; and to  
20 his many other relatives and friends; and, be it further

21 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
22 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
23 Representatives and Senate adjourn this day, they do so in memory of  
24 Ferrell Davis.

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H.C.R. No. 30

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 30 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on March 10, 2025.

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Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 30 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the Senate on March 19, 2025.

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Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

Date

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Governor