

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

President of the Senate

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.

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.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor