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H.R. No. 164

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Lago Vista lost a beloved member of its community
2 with the passing of John Russell Baker on January 25, 2025, at the
3 age of 64; and

4 WHEREAS, Born on December 21, 1960, John Baker was the proud
5 father of two sons, Austin and Alec; he enjoyed a rewarding career
6 as a failure analyst at Motorola that spanned more than three and a
7 half decades; and

8 WHEREAS, Mr. Baker moved to Lago Vista in 2016 and opened a
9 barbecue business with his son, Alec, the following year; the
10 Baker's Brisket food trailer in Lago Vista became a local landmark,
11 winning the loyalty of countless area residents, and a
12 brick-and-mortar location, Baker's Brisket Company, was opened in
13 Jonestown in October 2024; and

14 WHEREAS, Mr. Baker volunteered at a number of barbecue events
15 across the state, and he was a fixture at the annual Barbecue Summer
16 Camp at Texas A&M University; in addition, he gave back to his
17 community by offering holiday meals to those in need, supporting
18 local athletic teams, and participating in town halls and meetings
19 with civic officials; he was also an active member of the North Lake
20 Travis Chamber of Commerce; among his many achievements, he
21 received the chamber's 2019 Business of the Year Award and 2022
22 Member of the Year Award; and

23 WHEREAS, John Baker earned the admiration of all who knew
24 him, not only for his success as a restaurateur and businessman but

1 also for his exceptional warmth and generosity, and he will be
2 deeply missed; now, therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 89th Texas
4 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of John Russell Baker
5 and extend heartfelt sympathy to the members of his family: to his
6 sons, Austin and Alec; to his "bonus mom," Mary Jo Baker; to his
7 brother, Bob Baker; to his sister, Michelle Niemeyer, and her
8 husband, Travis; and to his other relatives and many friends; and,
9 be it further

10 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
11 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
12 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of John Baker.