

R E S O L U T I O N

1        WHEREAS, The Honorable John Raney retired from the Texas  
2 House of Representatives in January 2025, following an exemplary  
3 tenure spanning seven terms in office; and

4        WHEREAS, First elected in December 2011 to fill an unexpired  
5 term, Mr. Raney demonstrated a strong commitment to education; he  
6 worked successfully to secure funding for Texas A&M University and  
7 mobile STEM labs, and he sought to make community college reporting  
8 more transparent and remove barriers to accessing workforce  
9 development; in addition, he focused on student veteran  
10 protections, as well as veteran job transition; he also advocated  
11 for individuals with developmental disabilities and promoted the  
12 safety and quality of child care; his efforts extended as well to  
13 energy efficiency savings for state buildings and a Good Samaritan  
14 protection for anyone who calls 9-1-1 in behalf of an individual  
15 appearing to have experienced a drug overdose; and

16       WHEREAS, Mr. Raney was appointed by the Speaker to the Energy  
17 Council, and he was a member of numerous legislative caucuses;  
18 among other leadership roles, he served as vice chair of the  
19 Transportation, Higher Education, and Economic Development and  
20 Regulatory Committees; during multiple terms on the Higher  
21 Education and Appropriations Committees, he shared his expertise  
22 with numerous important subcommittees; and

23       WHEREAS, A sixth-generation Texan, Mr. Raney was born in  
24 Huntsville in 1947 and grew up on land his family had farmed in

1 Madison County for over 125 years; while completing his bachelor's  
2 degree in marketing at Texas A&M University, he established Texas  
3 Aggieland Bookstore, which is still in operation today; he served  
4 as a first lieutenant in the Texas Army National Guard from 1969 to  
5 1975; entering politics in the early 1970s, he served as chair of  
6 the Republican Party of Brazos County and Senatorial District 5  
7 Caucus; he benefited the business community as a longtime member of  
8 the board of the Texas Retailers Association, and he was especially  
9 involved in its Tax and Legislative Committee and Executive  
10 Committee; in 2010, the association named him its Outstanding  
11 Member; he was also a member of the board of the National Federation  
12 of Independent Business; and

13 WHEREAS, Through his exemplary public service, John Raney  
14 earned the lasting respect of his colleagues and the appreciation  
15 of his fellow citizens, and he may reflect with justifiable pride on  
16 his many contributions; now, therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 89th Texas  
18 Legislature hereby honor former state representative John Raney for  
19 his service and extend to him sincere best wishes for the future;  
20 and, be it further

21 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
22 prepared for Mr. Raney as an expression of high regard by the Texas  
23 House of Representatives.