

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Former state representative Barry Bradford Telford  
2 of De Kalb passed away on June 1, 2024, at the age of 77, bringing a  
3 great loss to his family, friends, and community; and

4           WHEREAS, The son of John Quincy Telford and Bertha Van Hooser  
5 Telford, Barry Telford was born in New Boston on October 24, 1946,  
6 and his family included two brothers, John Wayne Telford, who died  
7 in infancy, and Van Quincy Telford; he attended Texarkana Junior  
8 College and went on to graduate from North Texas State University in  
9 1970 with a bachelor's degree in education; and

10          WHEREAS, Mr. Telford was elected to the Texas House of  
11 Representatives in 1986, and during his 18 years in office, he  
12 worked tirelessly in behalf of his constituents in House  
13 District 1; he served as chair of the House Calendars and Pensions  
14 and Investments Committees, as well as the Select Committee on  
15 Rural Development and the House Joint Committee on State Investment  
16 Policy, and he was a member of numerous other legislative  
17 committees over the years; in recognition of his work on the House  
18 Corrections Committee, the Barry B. Telford Unit in Bowie County  
19 was named in his honor; and

20          WHEREAS, A dedicated champion for rural education and  
21 economic development, Representative Telford played an  
22 instrumental role in passing legislation to improve the teacher  
23 retirement system, support higher education institutions in  
24 Northeast Texas, and benefit public school students and teachers;

1 he further distinguished himself as a trusted mentor to numerous  
2 other House members; in addition, he served on the Criminal Justice  
3 Policy Council, the State Pension Review Board, the Sunset Advisory  
4 Commission, the Texas State Artist Committee, and the National  
5 Conference of State Legislatures Task Force on Social Security  
6 Reform; and

7 WHEREAS, Representative Telford enjoyed a rewarding career  
8 as the owner and operator of Telford Gas and Furniture; active in  
9 his community, he was a member of the De Kalb Masonic Lodge No. 9,  
10 the Maud Gun Club, and De Kalb First United Methodist Church; among  
11 his many achievements, he received the Heart of the Community Noble  
12 Award from the De Kalb TX Chamber of Commerce in 2012; and

13 WHEREAS, Blessed with a devoted family, Representative  
14 Telford shared a rewarding marriage with his wife, Marsha, that  
15 spanned nearly 58 years; he took great pride in their children,  
16 Christina and John, and he had the pleasure of welcoming into his  
17 family four grandchildren, Quincy, Zoe, Gracie, and Jackson; in his  
18 leisure hours, he enjoyed skeet shooting, hunting, and reading; and

19 WHEREAS, Barry Telford set an inspiring example through his  
20 enduring commitment to public service, and he leaves behind a  
21 record of good works that will long be remembered; now, therefore,  
22 be it

23 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 89th Texas  
24 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of former state  
25 representative Barry Bradford Telford and extend sincere  
26 condolences to the members of his family: to his wife, Marsha  
27 Cunningham Telford; to his daughter, Anna Christina Telford, and

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1 her husband, Jason Cording; to his son, John Farris Telford, and his  
2 wife, Molly Darden Telford; to his grandchildren, Quincy Cole  
3 Telford, Zoe Kate Telford, and Gracie Reese Telford; and to his  
4 other relatives and many friends; and, be it further

5       RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
6 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
7 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Barry  
8 Telford.

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Burrows	Guerra	Morales Shaw
Alders	Guillen	Morgan
Allen	Harless	Muñoz
Anchía	Harris	Noble
Ashby	Harris Davila	Olcott
Barry	Harrison	Oliverson
Bell of Kaufman	Hayes	Ordaz
Bell of Montgomery	Hefner	Orr
Bernal	Hernandez	Patterson
Bhojani	Hickland	Paul
Bonnen	Hinojosa	Perez of El Paso
Bowers	Holt	Perez of Harris
Bryant	Hopper	Phelan
Buckley	Howard	Pierson
Bucy	Hull	Plesa
Bumgarner	Hunter	Raymond
Button	Isaac	Reynolds
Cain	Johnson	Richardson
Campos	Jones of Dallas	Rodríguez Ramos
Canales	Jones of Harris	Romero
Capriglione	Kerwin	Rose
Cole	King	Rosenthal
Collier	Kitzman	Schatzline
Cook	LaHood	Schofield
Cortez	Lalani	Schoolcraft
Craddick	Lambert	Shaheen
Cunningham	Landgraf	Shofner
Curry	Leach	Simmons
Darby	Leo Wilson	Slawson
A. Davis of Dallas	Little	Smithee
Y. Davis of Dallas	Longoria	Spiller
Dean	Lopez of Bexar	Swanson
DeAyala	Lopez of Cameron	Talarico
Dorazio	Louderback	Tepper
Dutton	Lowe	Thompson
Dyson	Lozano	Tinderholt
Fairly	Lujan	Toth
Flores	Luther	Troxclair
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Garcia of Dallas	McLaughlin	Villalobos
Garcia Hernandez	McQueeney	Virdell
Gates	Metcalf	Vo
Gerdes	Meyer	Walle
Geren	Meza	Ward Johnson
Gervin-Hawkins	Money	Wharton
González of Dallas	Moody	Wilson
González of El Paso	Morales of Harris	Wu
Goodwin	Morales of Maverick	Zwiener

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 279 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on March 6, 2025.

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Chief Clerk of the House