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H.R. No. 1259

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A life made rich through meaningful service drew to
2 a close with the passing of former state representative Fred
3 Charles Head of Athens on April 26, 2025, at the age of 86; and

4 WHEREAS, Fred Head was born in Troup in Smith County on
5 February 22, 1939, the son of Lou Ella Wilkinson Head and Alvie
6 Charles Head; he earned a bachelor's degree in business
7 administration from Southern Methodist University as well as a law
8 degree from the SMU Dedman School of Law; from 1962 to 1963, he
9 served as president of the Texas Intercollegiate Student
10 Association, and he was selected to represent the state in a
11 national oratorical competition sponsored by the Junior Chambers of
12 Commerce in 1965; and

13 WHEREAS, The following year, Mr. Head won election to the
14 Texas House of Representatives at age 27; his 15-year tenure as a
15 lawmaker commenced with the 60th Legislature in 1967, and through
16 the years, he represented the constituents of House Districts 15
17 and 14; he served on numerous committees, including those focused
18 on penitentiaries, labor, and appropriations, and he chaired the
19 House Reapportionment and Higher Education Committees; in 1971, he
20 was a member of the "Dirty Thirty," a bipartisan coalition of
21 legislators that spoke out against political corruption; and

22 WHEREAS, Mr. Head enjoyed a long and successful career as an
23 attorney, and in 2013, he was honored by the State Bar of Texas for
24 50 years of service in the field of law; he was also active in real

1 estate investment and ranching; and

2 WHEREAS, In all his endeavors, Mr. Head benefited from the
3 love and support of his wife, Marsha, with whom he shared a
4 rewarding marriage that spanned more than six decades; he took
5 great pride in his children, Cindy, Cathy, Mimi, Mike, and the late
6 Fred Charles "Bud" Head Jr., and over the years, he saw his
7 cherished family grow to include eight grandchildren, Katie, Clara,
8 Sloane, Felix, Chad, True, Regan, and Freddie, and two
9 great-grandchildren, Tristan and Catalina; following the untimely
10 passing of their son Bud in 1986, Mr. and Mrs. Head donated the
11 historic Texan Theater building to the City of Athens in his honor;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, Through his wide-ranging contributions, Fred Head
14 earned the respect and admiration of innumerable people, and he
15 leaves behind a legacy that will resonate for years to come; now,
16 therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 89th Texas
18 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Fred Charles Head
19 and extend heartfelt sympathy to all who mourn his passing; and, be
20 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 adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Fred Head.