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H.R. No. 366

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The Honorable Jerry Madden established an  
2 outstanding record of service to the State of Texas and the  
3 residents of District 67 during his 20-year tenure in the Texas  
4 House of Representatives; and

5           WHEREAS, A graduate of West Point, Mr. Madden chaired the  
6 Collin County Republican Party from 1984 to 1991 before his  
7 election to the state legislature in 1992; the people of Collin  
8 County returned him to office for 10 terms, during which he  
9 distinguished himself as a committed advocate for his constituents;  
10 and

11           WHEREAS, Mr. Madden contributed to a number of committees  
12 through the years, holding leadership positions with those on  
13 elections, state affairs, and operation and management of the Texas  
14 Youth Commission; and

15           WHEREAS, In 2005, he was appointed chair of the Corrections  
16 Committee, and his dedicated work with that body played a vital role  
17 in the reformation of the Texas criminal justice system; Mr. Madden  
18 helped craft a plan in which, among other achievements, more  
19 resources were directed to mental health and substance abuse  
20 programs already in existence in the community, thereby not only  
21 decreasing the total prison population, but also reducing  
22 recidivism rates; today, thanks in great part to his efforts, this  
23 method serves as a model for states throughout the country; and

24           WHEREAS, This distinguished Texan has earned a number of

1 accolades for his exceptional public service; in 2010, he was  
2 recognized as a Public Official of the Year by *Governing* magazine  
3 for his bipartisan work on corrections reform; the following year,  
4 the American Legislative Exchange Council named him State  
5 Legislator of the Year for advancing policies based on the  
6 Jeffersonian principles of free markets, limited government,  
7 federalism, and individual liberty; and

8       WHEREAS, In all of his endeavors, Mr. Madden has enjoyed the  
9 support of a loving family that includes his wife, Barbara, his  
10 children, Jerry, Stephanie, and Kristina, and his grandchildren,  
11 Logan, Samantha, Alisa, Joseph, and Sarah; and

12       WHEREAS, The tremendous dedication and vision of Jerry Madden  
13 have made a positive difference in the lives of his fellow citizens,  
14 and his contributions will long continue to resonate in the state he  
15 is proud to call home; now, therefore, be it

16       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas  
17 Legislature hereby honor former State Representative Jerry Madden  
18 for his decades of service to the Lone Star State and extend to him  
19 sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

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