

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The passing of Deputy Mayor Pro Tem James Nolen  
2 Swafford on December 1, 2020, at the age of 84, has brought great  
3 sadness to his loved ones and to his many friends in the Grand  
4 Prairie community; and

5           WHEREAS, Jim Swafford was born in Oklahoma City on July 21,  
6 1936, to Nolen and Bernice Swafford; a member of the Class of 1955  
7 at Arlington High School, he went on to graduate from The University  
8 of Texas at Arlington and the Southwestern Graduate School of  
9 Banking at Southern Methodist University; and

10           WHEREAS, Mr. Swafford enjoyed a rewarding career in the  
11 banking industry before retiring as president and CEO of  
12 NationsBank/Bank of America in 1996; and

13           WHEREAS, Dedicated to the betterment of Grand Prairie,  
14 Mr. Swafford was a member of the city council from 1977 to 1979 and  
15 was elected to the District 2 seat in 1998; he served as mayor pro  
16 tem for five terms, and he was known for his sharp analytical skills  
17 and adept handling of the budget process; his other leadership  
18 positions included vice president of the Grand Prairie Sports  
19 Facilities Development Corporation, and he worked in support of the  
20 Tax Increment Financing Districts; and

21           WHEREAS, Mr. Swafford was a longtime board member of the  
22 Methodist Health System in Dallas; moreover, he presided over the  
23 Grand Prairie Independent School District Board of Trustees and the  
24 Grand Prairie Quality of Life Foundation; he was also involved with

1 many civic organizations, and he belonged to the DeMolay Legion of  
2 Honor; twice recognized as the Grand Prairie Chamber of Commerce  
3 Member of the Year, he was named Citizen of the Year in 1996 and  
4 received the chamber's Zeus Award two years later; and

5 WHEREAS, In all his endeavors, Mr. Swafford drew strength  
6 from the love and support of his wife of nearly six decades, the  
7 former Judy Gipson, who preceded him in death; he was the devoted  
8 father of two children, Robert and Renea, and he also took great  
9 pride in his grandchildren, Jane Anne and Johnson, and  
10 great-grandchildren, Graham and Colby; and

11 WHEREAS, Warm and compassionate, Jim Swafford was a devoted  
12 family man and a significant asset to his community, and his  
13 commitment to his loved ones and to Grand Prairie will be remembered  
14 and admired for years to come; now, therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas  
16 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of James Nolen Swafford  
17 and extend sincere condolences to his relatives and friends; and,  
18 be it further

19 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
20 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
21 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Jim  
22 Swafford.

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Turner of Tarrant

H.R. No. 207

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 207 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on March 18, 2021.

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Chief Clerk of the House