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H.R. No. 302

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Residents of DeSoto lost two respected members of  
2 their community with the passing of former city council member  
3 James Zander, 68, and his wife, Linda Zander, 73, on December 21,  
4 2020; and

5           WHEREAS, Born on December 1, 1947, Linda Zander pursued a  
6 career as an interior designer before becoming the chief financial  
7 officer of her husband's insurance firm, James Zander & Associates;  
8 she was a member of the DeSoto Chamber of Commerce Board of  
9 Directors, chair of the Chamber of Commerce Gala, and former  
10 president of Keep DeSoto Beautiful; she was also active in the Best  
11 Southwest Chamber, Leadership Southwest, and the DeSoto Arts  
12 Commission; moreover, she was named the Bobby Wattle DeSoto Chamber  
13 of Commerce Citizen of the Year, and in 2017, she and Mr. Zander  
14 were presented with the DeSoto Eagle; and

15           WHEREAS, James Zander was born on April 23, 1952; he was a  
16 graduate of the University of New Haven, Ohio University, and the  
17 American College of Financial Services, and in 1983, he founded  
18 James Zander & Associates; a leader in his community, he served on  
19 the DeSoto City Council, the DeSoto Economic Development  
20 Corporation Board, and the boards of the DeSoto ISD Education  
21 Foundation and DeSoto Dining and Dialogue; he also contributed his  
22 time and talents to several other civic organizations, including  
23 the Dallas County ACA Coalition and the Community Emergency  
24 Response Team; a member of the University of New Haven Board of

1 Governors, he was recognized by the school with a Distinguished  
2 Alumni Award in 2006 and an honorary doctorate in 2018; and

3 WHEREAS, This esteemed couple were joined in matrimony on  
4 July 8, 2006; they were valued congregants of Disciple Central  
5 Community Church, and they delighted in time spent with their many  
6 friends and loved ones; and

7 WHEREAS, James and Linda Zander shared a rich and purposeful  
8 life together, and they leave behind a legacy of devotion to their  
9 community that will be admired for many years to come; now,  
10 therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas  
12 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the lives of James and Linda  
13 Zander and extend deepest sympathy to all who mourn their passing;  
14 and, be it further

15 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
16 prepared for their family and that when the Texas House of  
17 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of James and  
18 Linda Zander.