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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A rich and purposeful life drew to a close with the
2 passing of James B. Prewitt, who passed away on April 10, 2021, at
3 the age of 80; and

4 WHEREAS, Jim Prewitt was born on November 13, 1940, and he was
5 raised on the family farm near Kirbyville, where he developed a
6 lifelong love and appreciation for agriculture; at a young age, he
7 lost his arm in a farming accident, a traumatic experience that
8 ultimately helped reinforce his resilient spirit and never deterred
9 him from hard work; and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. Prewitt attended Sam Houston State University
11 and met the woman who would be his partner in life, love, and
12 business, Paula Biggs; they shared 58 years of marriage and were
13 blessed with three daughters, and they cherished time spent with
14 their children and grandchildren at the family retreat on the
15 Sabine River; and

16 WHEREAS, Mr. Prewitt served as a congressional intern in
17 Washington, D.C., which sparked his abiding interest in policy and
18 politics; he returned to Texas and established Landmark Nurseries,
19 Incorporated, and under his guidance as chief executive officer,
20 the company evolved into one of the largest wholesale nursery
21 distributors in the southern United States; and

22 WHEREAS, Active in his community, Mr. Prewitt gave
23 extensively of his time and funds to charitable, civic, and
24 professional organizations, and he was an ardent supporter of

1 several Texas livestock shows and rodeos; his philanthropy extended
2 to Texas universities, and his generosity enriched the lives of
3 thousands of children in FFA and 4-H programs; he received numerous
4 honors for his contributions, including the Texas Agricultural
5 Lifetime Leadership Lifetime Achievement Award; a man of many
6 talents, he was admired for his skill in business, bass fishing, and
7 storytelling; and

8 WHEREAS, In both his professional career and his volunteer
9 efforts, Mr. Prewitt had an indelible impact on the entire Texas
10 green industry; he led the Texas Nursery & Landscape Association
11 Political Action Committee as chair and was an active member of the
12 board for many years; due to his lifetime commitment to the green
13 industry, he was awarded the TNLA Arp Award, the Texas industry's
14 highest individual recognition; and

15 WHEREAS, Jim Prewitt embraced life to the fullest, and he
16 will forever remain a vibrant presence for those who knew and loved
17 him; now, therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
19 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of James B. Prewitt and
20 extend sincere condolences to his relatives and friends; and, be it
21 further

22 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
23 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
24 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Jim
25 Prewitt.