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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The life of a renowned Dallas photographer drew to a
2 close with the passing of James T. Bradley on October 13, 2023, at
3 the age of 101; and

4 WHEREAS, "Brad" Bradley was born to Mabel and Dennis Bradley
5 on July 23, 1922, and he grew up on a cotton farm near Arlington;
6 after studying business at North Texas Agricultural College, he
7 served as a technical sergeant with the U.S. Army Air Corps in
8 Okinawa, Japan, during World War II; in 1946, he exchanged vows with
9 the former Betty Laughead; they shared 64 years together before her
10 death in 2010 and raised two children, Iris and James; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Bradley opened Laughead Photography in
12 Dallas, and in 1948 Mr. Bradley photographed the Cotton Bowl
13 matchup between Southern Methodist and Penn State Universities;
14 that experience began his long-lasting relationship with the bowl
15 game and SMU, and he also worked with college football programs
16 nationwide and at the NFL level; he and his father-in-law, Jim
17 Laughead, traveled together, documenting games and athletes and
18 pioneering the "Huck 'n Buck" posed action shot that became a staple
19 of football photography; over a career of 75-plus years, he
20 captured such college and professional luminaries as Doak Walker,
21 Earl Campbell, Roger Staubach, Dick Butkus, and Joe Montana, and he
22 also produced images for Topps baseball cards; and

23 WHEREAS, Widely respected, Mr. Bradley was inducted into the
24 Cotton Bowl Classic Hall of Fame, received the SMU Athletics Hall of

1 Fame Legends Award, and garnered the 2023 Governor's Award for
2 Lifetime Achievement by the Lone Star chapter of the Regional EMMY
3 Awards; moreover, he was honored as the 2019 Citizen of the Year in
4 the Park Cities community, where he resided; and

5 WHEREAS, Admired for his immense talent and his kind and
6 generous nature, "Brad" Bradley chronicled countless events at SMU
7 as well as sports figures and competitions throughout the U.S., and
8 in so doing, he created a rich and compelling visual record that
9 will endure for years to come; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas
11 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the memory
12 of James T. Bradley and extend deepest condolences to the members of
13 his family: to his children, Iris L. Bradley and her husband, Floyd,
14 and James T. "Jimmy" Bradley II; to his granddaughter, Susan
15 Gleiser; to his nieces and nephews; and to all who mourn his
16 passing; and, be it further

17 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
18 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
19 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Brad
20 Bradley.