

1 WHEREAS, Furthering his family's tradition of civic
2 engagement, Mr. Hurt served as a charter member of the Ector County
3 Airport board and a trustee of the Ector County Independent School
4 District; he volunteered with such organizations as the Sandhills
5 Hereford and Quarter Horse Show and Championship Rodeo, the Ector
6 County Livestock Show, and Globe of the Great Southwest; in
7 addition, he and his family donated land for Ratliff Stadium,
8 Ratliff Ranch Golf Links, the Bridge United Methodist Church, City
9 of Odessa Fire Station No. 9, and three roadway rights-of-way; he
10 was named the 1985 Heritage of Odessa Community Statesman for
11 Ranching, and he and Betsy Hurt were named the 1996 Citizens of the
12 Year by the Odessa Chamber of Commerce and 2020 Friend of the Arts
13 honorees by Odessa Arts; Mr. Hurt was a member of Wesley United
14 Methodist Community Group and brought communion bread to the group
15 the day before he died; and

16 WHEREAS, Deeply dedicated to his family and his community,
17 Buzz Hurt earned the lasting respect and admiration of all who were
18 privileged to know him; now, therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, That the 88th Legislature of the State of Texas,
20 4th Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the life of James Ratliff
21 Hurt Sr. and extend sincere sympathy to the members of his family:
22 to his wife of 39 years, Betsy Hurt; to his children, Mary Helen
23 Johnson, Joseph Stewart Hurt and his wife, Sherry, and Sally Beth
24 Bolton and her husband, Toya; to Vickie Hurt, the widow of his son,
25 Jay; to his 13 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren; and to his
26 other relatives and many friends; and, be it further

27 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be

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1 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
2 Representatives and Senate adjourn this day, they do so in memory of
3 Buzz Hurt Sr.