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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Brad Jones, the former president and CEO of the
2 Electric Reliability Council of Texas and an influential figure in
3 the state's energy industry, passed away on November 8, 2023, at the
4 age of 60; and

5 WHEREAS, Born on November 26, 1962, Bradley Carl Jones
6 graduated with a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from
7 Texas Tech University and earned his master's degree in business
8 administration from The University of Texas at Arlington; his
9 exceptional career in the energy sector spanned more than 30 years
10 and included a notable tenure at Luminant, where he held such roles
11 as vice president of generation development and vice president of
12 government relations; in recognition of his leadership efforts with
13 the company, he was honored with a Commissioners' Award from the
14 Public Utility Commission of Texas; and

15 WHEREAS, Mr. Jones went on to join the executive team at the
16 Electric Reliability Council of Texas, serving as senior vice
17 president and chief operating officer from 2013 to 2015; his
18 achievements with ERCOT led to his appointment as president and CEO
19 of the New York Independent System Operator in 2015, and he guided
20 that organization until retiring in 2018; and

21 WHEREAS, In May 2021, Mr. Jones agreed to return to ERCOT to
22 serve as interim president and CEO; in that role, he rose to the
23 challenge of leading the council in the aftermath of Winter Storm
24 Uri, which significantly impacted the state's energy

1 infrastructure; he concluded his interim responsibilities with
2 ERCOT on November 1, 2022; and

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Jones served on the board of directors of both
4 ERCOT and NYISO and also held membership in the Gulf Coast Power
5 Association and the FutureGen Industrial Alliance; active in a
6 number of philanthropic initiatives, he was a board member for the
7 March of Dimes, Atlas Scholars, and the St. Peter's Health
8 Foundation; to honor his legacy, the Brad Jones Engineering
9 Scholarship has been established at his undergraduate alma mater,
10 Texas Tech University; and

11 WHEREAS, Although the passing of Brad Jones is a profound
12 loss to all who were privileged to know him, his dedicated work
13 greatly influenced the energy industry in Texas and beyond, and his
14 contributions will continue to be remembered and admired for many
15 years to come; now, therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, That the Senate of the 88th Texas Legislature, 4th
17 Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the life of Brad Jones and
18 extend heartfelt sympathy to his family, friends, and former
19 colleagues; and, be it further

20 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
21 prepared for his family and that when the Texas Senate adjourns this
22 day, it do so in memory of Brad Jones.