

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 Jim Brunjes of Lubbock on July 30, 2022, at the age
3 of 75; and

4 WHEREAS, The son of Charles and Dorothy Nell Brunjes of Waco,
5 Jim Brunjes was born on December 13, 1946, and he grew up with the
6 companionship of three siblings, Mickey, Jean, and Jane; he
7 attended Texas A&M University, where he earned a bachelor's degree
8 in mathematics and a master's degree in statistics; and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. Brunjes taught junior high before joining the
10 U.S. military and NASA to work on missile projects; he later held
11 leadership positions at multiple universities, including a tenure
12 with the internal audit department at Texas A&M, and he served for a
13 time as vice president of systems at Southwest Airlines; and

14 WHEREAS, In 1991, Mr. Brunjes joined Texas Tech University as
15 vice president for administration, and eight years later, he was
16 named vice chancellor and chief financial officer of the Texas Tech
17 University System; his responsibilities included overseeing the
18 system's nearly \$2 billion budget, managing numerous offices, and
19 serving as treasurer of the Texas Tech Foundation Board of
20 Directors; under his guidance, the system's endowment grew by
21 nearly \$750 million, and he also played an instrumental role in
22 establishing the Mentor Tech program and securing funding for
23 improvements to campus facilities; he retired in 2017, after two
24 and a half decades of distinguished service; and

1 WHEREAS, Blessed with a devoted family, Mr. Brunjes shared a
2 rewarding relationship with his wife, Marie, and he took great
3 pride in his children, Jennifer, Todd, and Greg, as well as his five
4 grandchildren, Ben, Laura, Anna, Will, and Jack; and

5 WHEREAS, Although Jim Brunjes is deeply missed, he will
6 forever be remembered with great admiration for his professional
7 achievements and for the myriad ways he gave of himself to benefit
8 others; now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas
10 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Jim Brunjes and extend
11 sincere condolences to all who mourn his passing; and, be it further

12 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
13 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
14 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Jim
15 Brunjes.

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H.R. No. 261

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 261 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on March 8, 2023.

Chief Clerk of the House