

By: Thompson of Harris

H.R. No. 587

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Jimmy Don Blair, an esteemed Texan and friend to
2 many, passed away on January 3, 2023, at the age of 81; and

3 WHEREAS, The only child of Floyd and Myrtle Blair, Jimmy
4 Blair was born in Borger on September 27, 1941, and grew up in the J.
5 M. Huber oil camp where his father worked; during his youth, he
6 traveled with his parents throughout the U.S. for his father's job
7 and helped out on his uncle's farm in Oklahoma; he attended Borger
8 High School, where he served as senior class president and was voted
9 Mr. Borger High, and he went on to graduate from the University of
10 Oklahoma and to earn a law degree from The University of Texas at
11 Austin; and

12 WHEREAS, An expert in contract negotiation, litigation
13 policies, and legislative initiatives, Mr. Blair spent his early
14 career as a city attorney and city judge in Amarillo and as an
15 assistant district attorney in Randall County; he cofounded a law
16 practice dedicated to assisting local governments with property tax
17 collection, and he relocated to Houston in the 1980s to expand the
18 firm, which eventually grew into Linebarger, Goggan, Blair &
19 Sampson, LLP; following his retirement in 2006, he continued to
20 serve the firm as a senior advisor; and

21 WHEREAS, Mr. Blair was actively engaged in his community,
22 hosting hundreds of fundraisers and giving generously of his time
23 and talents to many worthy groups and organizations, including the
24 Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, the Hurricane Ike Relief Fund

1 Committee, and the Conroe ISD Education Foundation; moreover, he
2 participated in Leadership Montgomery County and supported
3 numerous politicians and public servants as a mentor and friend; in
4 recognition of his myriad contributions, he was named a Hometown
5 Hero of The Woodlands; and

6 WHEREAS, Mr. Blair was a devoted father to his daughter,
7 Maris, who he raised on his own for many years; he enjoyed 35 years
8 of marriage with his beloved wife, Nelda, and his life was further
9 enriched by a large extended family that included his son-in-law,
10 David, his step-grandchildren, Jeremy and Lauren, and a host of
11 other cherished loved ones; and

12 WHEREAS, Jimmy Blair earned the admiration of all who knew
13 him, not only for his professional success but also for his
14 exceptional kindness and generosity, and he leaves behind a legacy
15 of good works that will be remembered for years to come; now,
16 therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas
18 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Jimmy Don Blair and
19 extend sincere condolences to all who mourn his passing; and, be it
20 further

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