

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The life of a respected business leader drew to a  
2 close with the passing of James Michael Chargois on December 9,  
3 2020, at the age of 76; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in the Houston's historic Third Ward on  
5 November 27, 1944, Michael Chargois was the son of Sidney A.  
6 Chargois and Viola Judice Chargois; he grew up with six siblings,  
7 Sidney, Alvin, Rose Mary, Carl, Gerard, and Lois Ann; his  
8 entrepreneurial spirit and passion for automobiles manifested  
9 themselves at an early age, when he started a lawn mowing business  
10 and used the earnings to build a vehicle by hand; and

11 WHEREAS, After graduating from Yates High School,  
12 Mr. Chargois attended Texas Christian University and embarked on a  
13 noteworthy career in the automotive industry; his Austin-based  
14 company, Pavilion Lincoln-Mercury, was named one of the nation's  
15 top Black-owned businesses within three years of its inception; and

16 WHEREAS, Mr. Chargois went on to establish JMC Auto Group,  
17 which earned recognition as the state's largest Black-owned  
18 automotive business; it included dealerships not only in Austin,  
19 Houston, and San Marcos, but also in Memphis, Tennessee; later, as  
20 founder of JMC Enterprises, he diversified into real estate  
21 development and holdings, equity investments, restaurants, and a  
22 vineyard in Mendoza, Argentina; his achievements as a trailblazing  
23 entrepreneur received attention from numerous industry and  
24 general-interest publications, among them the *New York Times*, *Time*

1 magazine, the *Austin Business Journal*, and *Black Enterprise*; and

2 WHEREAS, Despite his success, Mr. Chargois remained humble,  
3 kind, and approachable; he was a mentor to many over the years, and  
4 he gave generously to numerous worthy causes and organizations;  
5 sustained by a strong faith, he was a member of St. James' Episcopal  
6 Church in Austin and St. James' Episcopal Church in Houston; in his  
7 free time, he enjoyed drag racing, collecting antique cars, Creole  
8 cooking, and playing golf; and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. Chargois shared a fulfilling marriage with his  
10 wife of 36 years, Roxann Thomas Chargois; he took great pride in his  
11 five children, Katrina, Charles, Nailah, Julian Michael, and  
12 Morgan, as well as his five grandchildren, Brianna, William, Kayla,  
13 Kiana, and Raegan; and

14 WHEREAS, Although Michael Chargois is greatly missed, he left  
15 his family and friends with many cherished memories, and he will  
16 forever hold a special place in their hearts; now, therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas  
18 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of James Michael  
19 Chargois and extend sincere condolences to his loved ones; and, be  
20 it 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 Michael  
24 Chargois.

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H.R. No. 1526

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1526 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on May 19, 2023.

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Chief Clerk of the House