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H.R. No. 1718

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The Tyler community lost an esteemed resident with  
2 the death of John Sims on March 31, 2023, at the age of 70; and

3           WHEREAS, John Sims was born on July 18, 1952, in  
4 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; he grew up with two sisters, and during  
5 his youth, his father called radio play-by-play for the  
6 Philadelphia Phillies; and

7           WHEREAS, A graduate of Temple University, Mr. Sims embarked  
8 on a successful career in radio that spanned more than four and a  
9 half decades; he worked in East Texas for 43 years, serving as an  
10 on-air personality at KDOK before joining KTBB in Tyler, where he  
11 became a news anchor and editor in 1998; in the course of his  
12 tenure, he gained recognition by thousands of listeners for his  
13 distinctive voice; and

14           WHEREAS, Mr. Sims gave freely of his time and talents for the  
15 betterment of his community; he was president of Leadership Tyler  
16 and the Smith County Community Partnership Council, and he served  
17 as chair of the Tyler Together Race Relations Forum; moreover, he  
18 was active with such groups as the League of Women Voters, March of  
19 Dimes, and East Texas Wheelers and Walkers; and

20           WHEREAS, John Sims earned the admiration of all who knew him,  
21 not only for his professional accomplishments but also for his  
22 exceptional kindness and generosity, and he leaves behind a legacy  
23 that will resonate in the Tyler community for years to come; now,  
24 therefore, be it

1           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas  
2 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of John Sims and extend  
3 sincere condolences to his nephew, Tom Stokes, and to all others who  
4 mourn his passing; and, be it further

5           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
6 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
7 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of John Sims.