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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A full and generous life drew to a close with the  
2 passing of James Robert Evans of Fort Worth on February 2, 2023, at  
3 the age of 87; and

4 WHEREAS, The son of Bernice Glasscock Evans and Walter Sidney  
5 Evans, Bobby Evans was born in San Angelo on March 30, 1935, and he  
6 grew up with the companionship of two siblings, William Sidney and  
7 Jo Alice; after graduating from San Angelo High School, he went on  
8 to earn a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from Texas Tech  
9 University, where he was a member of ROTC; and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. Evans enjoyed a rewarding career as a civil  
11 engineer for the Texas Department of Transportation that spanned  
12 more than four decades; over the course of his tenure, he held a  
13 number of positions in Lubbock, San Angelo, Del Rio, and Tyler; as  
14 district engineer in Tyler, he played an instrumental role in  
15 establishing the Adopt-A-Highway program, and he was recognized  
16 with the Leadership Award from Keep Texas Beautiful, the Phoenix  
17 Award from the Society of American Travel Writers, and the Gibb  
18 Gilchrist Award from Texas A&M Transportation Institute for  
19 outstanding service to TxDOT; in addition, he was granted honorary  
20 membership to the International Adopt-A-Highway Association; and

21 WHEREAS, In 1995, Mr. Evans returned to San Angelo, where he  
22 worked in business development and client relations for BWR  
23 Corporation, WSBC Civil Engineers Inc., and Arcadis; following his  
24 retirement in 2010, he moved to Fort Worth; and

1           WHEREAS, Along the way, Mr. Evans served as president of the  
2 Tyler Downtown Rotary Club and the State Highway 31 Association and  
3 as chair of the Texas Alliance of Minority Engineers; a man of deep  
4 faith, he was a valued congregant of Arlington Heights United  
5 Methodist Church; in his leisure time, he enjoyed following Texas  
6 Tech Red Raider football and spending time at the Bronte ranch with  
7 friends and family; and

8           WHEREAS, In all his endeavors, Mr. Evans benefited from the  
9 love and support of his wife, Billie Jean, with whom he shared a  
10 fulfilling union of 64 years until her passing in 2021; he took  
11 great pride in his two children, Susan and Mark, as well as in his  
12 seven grandchildren, Laura, Matthew, Karen, Andrew, Alan, Bryan,  
13 and Mandy, two great-grandchildren, Walt and Charlie, and three  
14 step-great-grandchildren, Payton, Reese, and Enzo; and

15           WHEREAS, Admired for his integrity, kindness, and  
16 generosity, Bobby Evans has left his family and friends with a  
17 wealth of treasured memories, and they will forever hold him close  
18 in their hearts; now, therefore, be it

19           RESOLVED, That the Senate of the 88th Texas Legislature  
20 hereby pay tribute to the life of James Robert Evans and extend  
21 sincere condolences to all who mourn his passing; and, be it further

22           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
23 prepared for his family and that when the Texas Senate adjourns this  
24 day, it do so in memory of Bobby Evans.