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H.C.R. No. 32

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, A rich and purposeful life drew to a close with the
2 passing of Lyman Bartlett Hotchkiss of Midland on October 27, 2024,
3 at the age of 80; and

4 WHEREAS, The son of Dr. Dewitt H. Hotchkiss and Esther
5 Hotchkiss, Bart Hotchkiss was born in Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania, on
6 November 24, 1943, and he grew up in Houston with the companionship
7 of his brother, Pete; he attended the Kinkaid School, and after
8 graduating from Culver Military Academy in Indiana, he continued
9 his education at Southwestern University, where he met his future
10 wife, the former Sharla Earl; the couple shared six decades of
11 marriage and welcomed into their family two children, Bret and
12 Erin, and three grandchildren, Brendan, Christopher, and
13 Elizabeth; and

14 WHEREAS, Mr. Hotchkiss worked in sales in Houston and Lubbock
15 following his graduation from college, and in 1971, he and his
16 family moved to Midland; in the ensuing years, he sold computers and
17 ran a garage door company; he also earned his real estate license
18 and began buying and selling properties, managing rentals, and
19 flipping houses alongside his wife; in 1983, he opened Murray's
20 Deli in downtown Midland, followed by several other locations and a
21 bakery, and he went on to establish a retail business called The
22 Fire Place before retiring; and

23 WHEREAS, Engaged in his community, Mr. Hotchkiss gave
24 generously of his time by volunteering with his church, local

1 schools and PTAs, and a number of other organizations, including
2 Hospice of Midland, Keep Midland Beautiful, Master Gardeners, the
3 Museum of the Southwest, and United Way; in addition, he served on
4 the Midland City Council and as mayor pro tempore, and he further
5 distinguished himself as chair of the Midland Planning and Zoning
6 Commission, chair of the Parks and Recreation Commission, and a
7 member of the Oil and Gas Advisory Committee; in his leisure hours,
8 he enjoyed traveling and spending time with his loved ones, and he
9 was known for his exceptional cooking skills; and

10 WHEREAS, Admired for his devotion to his family, his
11 generosity of spirit, and his joyous zest for life, Bart Hotchkiss
12 enriched the lives of all who knew him, and they will forever hold
13 him close in their hearts; now, therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, That the 89th Legislature of the State of Texas
15 hereby pay tribute to the memory of Lyman Bartlett Hotchkiss and
16 extend sincere condolences to his relatives and many friends; and,
17 be it further

18 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
19 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
20 Representatives and Senate adjourn this day, they do so in memory of
21 Bart Hotchkiss.