

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A life lived with joy and purpose drew to a close
2 with the passing of James Darby Walker on August 2, 2024, at the age
3 of 57; and

4 WHEREAS, The son of Nayna and JT Walker, Jim Walker was born
5 in Dallas on June 5, 1967; he graduated from Jesuit College
6 Preparatory School of Dallas and enlisted in the U.S. Air Force;
7 following two years of active duty, he transferred to the Texas
8 National Guard in order to complete his bachelor's degree at
9 Midwestern State University; through Education for Democracy, he
10 spent a year teaching English in Slovakia, where he met his future
11 wife, Andrea; while earning a law degree from The University of
12 Texas at Austin, he began working in the mortgage industry, and in
13 1998, he founded his own company, Counselors Mortgage; as the
14 Austin-based business grew, his wife left the corporate world to
15 partner with him, and their complementary skills and expertise
16 brought further success; and

17 WHEREAS, The Walkers were blessed with two children, Lance
18 and Luke, and Mr. Walker guided them in Boy Scouts and coached them
19 on the Regents Knights lacrosse team; in addition, he helped direct
20 traffic for school arrivals as a longtime member of the Regents Dads
21 Curb Service; he loved to cheer on his sons at all their sporting
22 events, concerts, and plays; a man of faith, he attended Bible study
23 regularly and led the financial services ministry at First
24 Evangelical Free Church; he was a source of wisdom to many, and he

1 had a gift for connecting people who could potentially benefit from
2 knowing one another and for finding jobs and opportunities for
3 those seeking advancement; his numerous interests included golf,
4 chess, politics, and occasionally poker, but his greatest joy was
5 spending time with his family; and

6 WHEREAS, Although Jim Walker is deeply missed by those he has
7 left behind, they will forever treasure their memories of his
8 enthusiasm, kindness, keen wit, and sense of fun; now, therefore,
9 be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 89th Texas
11 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of James Darby Walker and
12 extend sincere sympathy to the members of his family: to his wife,
13 Andrea Walker; to his sons, Lance and Luke Walker; to his mother,
14 Nayna Walker; to his siblings, Ann Walker, Jeanne Oden, Katy
15 McAteer, Gayle Pierce, and George McAteer; and to his many other
16 relatives and friends; and, be it further

17 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
18 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
19 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Jim Walker.

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H.R. No. 534

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 534 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on March 31, 2025.

Chief Clerk of the House