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H.R. No. 674

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Residents of Plano lost an admired civic leader with  
2 the passing of former mayor James N. Muns on March 6, 2025, at the  
3 age of 93; and

4 WHEREAS, The son of Elvie and Claude Muns, James Muns was born  
5 in Sweetwater on January 6, 1932; he graduated from Sweetwater High  
6 School and earned a bachelor's degree in business administration  
7 from Abilene Christian University; while attending ACU, he was a  
8 member of the undefeated 1950 Wildcat Football team, and he  
9 considered their victory in the Refrigerator Bowl one of the  
10 defining moments of his life; and

11 WHEREAS, In 1953, Mr. Muns began a 35-year tenure with Wyatt  
12 Food Stores as a manager of its Fort Worth locations; rising through  
13 the ranks of personnel director and vice president of operations,  
14 he played a vital role in the company's growth; in 1978, he was  
15 named president, a role in which he oversaw the chain's expansion to  
16 122 locations across 9 states; following its sale in 1988, he went  
17 on to open the venture capital and investment firm Muns Enterprises  
18 L.P., which financed a number of real estate developments and  
19 related projects; and

20 WHEREAS, Devoted to his community, Mr. Muns served on the  
21 Plano City Council from 1981 to 1987, and he was elected mayor of  
22 Plano in 1992; while in office, he worked to enhance the quality of  
23 life for his fellow citizens, and he played a key role in Plano's  
24 recognition as an All-America City; he also served as director of

1 the North Texas Commission, as chair of the board of trustees for  
2 Presbyterian Hospital of Plano, and as a board member for the  
3 Presbyterian Hospital Foundation; in 1995, he was named Plano's  
4 Citizen of the Year; and

5 WHEREAS, A man of strong faith, Mr. Muns was a church elder at  
6 Walnut Hill Church of Christ in Dallas and Pitman Creek Church of  
7 Christ in Plano; in his leisure hours, he enjoyed playing golf, snow  
8 skiing, and traveling, and he was an exceptionally skilled  
9 woodworker; and

10 WHEREAS, In all his endeavors, Mr. Muns benefited from the  
11 love and support of his wife, Betty Bell, with whom he shared a  
12 rewarding union that spanned more than seven decades until her  
13 death in 2024; he was the proud father of four children, Kathy,  
14 Marla, Greg, and John, and with the passing years, he had the  
15 pleasure of seeing his treasured family grow to include 12  
16 grandchildren and 29 great-grandchildren; and

17 WHEREAS, An engaged citizen, a devoted family man, and an  
18 admired business and community leader, James Muns leaves behind a  
19 legacy of good works that will long resonate in the Plano community;  
20 now, therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 89th Texas  
22 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of James N. Muns and  
23 extend sincere condolences to all who mourn his passing; and, be it  
24 further

25 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
26 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
27 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of James Muns.