

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Cleburne community lost a beloved resident when
2 James R. "Jim" Atchley passed away on August 31, 2003, at the age of
3 74; and

4 WHEREAS, Born on July 2, 1929, in Cleburne, Mr. Atchley
5 graduated from Cleburne High School in 1947; this native son
6 remained deeply involved in the Cleburne community throughout his
7 life as a member of the Cleburne Yellow Jacket Booster Club, as a
8 33rd-degree Mason with Cleburne Masonic Lodge No. 315, and as a
9 congregant at Field St. Baptist Church, where he belonged to the
10 Tent Makers Class and the Joyful Sound Choir; Mr. Atchley also
11 played in the WST Bluegrass Band and acted as master of ceremonies
12 for bluegrass festivals in Glen Rose; and

13 WHEREAS, In April of 1948, Mr. Atchley began a 48-year tenure
14 with the Santa Fe Railroad as a freight brakeman, earning a
15 promotion to conductor and receiving switchman's seniority in 1960;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, An esteemed member of the former Brotherhood of
18 Railroad Trainmen and the United Transportation Union (UTU), Mr.
19 Atchley served as local legislative representative, member of the
20 local board of trustees, secretary of the Texas Legislative Board,
21 and assistant state legislative director; on January 1, 1988, he
22 assumed the office of state legislative director and was
23 subsequently elected to two four-year terms; and

24 WHEREAS, During his time with the UTU, Mr. Atchley worked

1 with Governors Dolph Briscoe, Mark White, Bill Clements, Ann
2 Richards, and George Bush, helping to pass legislation that
3 benefited UTU members and their families and created better working
4 conditions for rail and bus employees; and

5 WHEREAS, A positive influence in the lives of countless
6 Texans, Mr. Atchley leaves behind a legacy of good works that will
7 not soon be forgotten; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
9 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the life of
10 James R. Atchley and extend deepest sympathy to the members of his
11 family: to his son, Gary Atchley and his wife, Mindy; to his
12 daughter, Debbe Prater and her husband, Mike; to his sister,
13 Janelle Green; to his sister-in-law, Betty Jo Atchley; to his
14 grandchildren, David Atchley, Kevin Atchley and his wife, Annette,
15 Tommy Atchley and his wife, Caren, Cole Prater, and Curt Prater; to
16 his great-grandchildren, Kaitlyn Atchley, Zoe Atchley, and Hayley
17 Atchley; to his special friend, Ona Pritchard; and to his other
18 relatives and many friends; and, be it further

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

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Allen	Giddings	Merritt
Alonzo	Goodman	Miller
Bailey	Goolsby	Moreno of Harris
Baxter	Griggs	Moreno of El Paso
Berman	Grusendorf	Morrison
Bohac	Guillen	Mowery
Bonnen	Gutierrez	Naishtat
Branch	Haggerty	Nixon
Brown of Kaufman	Hamilton	Noriega
Brown of Brazos	Hamric	Oliveira
Burnam	Hardcastle	Olivo
Callegari	Harper-Brown	Paxton
Campbell	Hartnett	Pena
Canales	Heflin	Phillips
Capelo	Hegar	Pickett
Casteel	Hilderbran	Pitts
Castro	Hill	Puente
Chavez	Hochberg	Quintanilla
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Christian	Homer	Reyna
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Cook of Navarro	Hopson	Ritter
Cook of Colorado	Howard	Rodriguez
Corte	Hughes	Rose
Crabb	Hunter	Seaman
Crownover	Hupp	Smith of Tarrant
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Dawson	Jones of Bexar	Solis
Delisi	Jones of Dallas	Solomons
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Deshotel	Keffer of Dallas	Swinford
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Dukes	King	Taylor
Dunnam	Kolkhorst	Telford
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Eiland	Laney	Turner
Eissler	Laubenberg	Uresti
Elkins	Lewis	Van Arsdale
Ellis	Luna	Villarreal
Escobar	Mabry	West
Farabee	Madden	Wilson
Farrar	Marchant	Wise
Flores	Martinez Fischer	Wohlgemuth
Flynn	McCall	Wolens
Gallego	McClendon	Wong
Garza	McReynolds	Woolley
Gattis	Menendez	Zedler

H.R. No. 197

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 197 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on October 2, 2003.

Chief Clerk of the House