

By: Keffer of Eastland

H.R. No. 144

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Residents of Brownwood lost an esteemed businessman
2 and community leader with the passing of William "Bill" Wallace
3 Jamar on January 11, 2003; and

4 WHEREAS, A native of Oklahoma, Mr. Jamar was born in Tulsa on
5 December 5, 1924, and graduated from Central High School; he served
6 in the United States Army during World War II, and was awarded the
7 Combat Infantry Badge, two Purple Hearts, a Bronze Star, and a
8 European Theater Ribbon for his valor; and

9 WHEREAS, He moved to Brownwood in the late 1940s, and over the
10 ensuing two decades, he earned a bachelor's degree in business
11 administration from the University of Oklahoma and gained a wealth
12 of experience working for a local radio station, KBWD; he took
13 ownership of the station in 1970 and embarked on an impressive
14 career as a businessman, founding KOXE FM in Brownwood in 1975; and

15 WHEREAS, Mr. Jamar quickly established himself as a leader in
16 the media industry, and over the years, he owned and operated 22
17 radio stations as well as part of various other businesses,
18 including Brownwood Coca-Cola Bottling Company, Big Tex Outdoor
19 Advertising, the *Mineral Wells Index*, the *Palo Pinto Star*, Paul's
20 Valley TV Cable Vision in Oklahoma, SCAT Cable TV in Snyder,
21 Corsicana Cable TV, and Stamford, Haskell, and Munday Cable TV; and

22 WHEREAS, He was a member of the board of regents of North
23 Texas State University for 12 years and served on the board of the
24 Douglas MacArthur Academy of Freedom of Howard Payne University;

1 also on the boards of various banks and KLRU-TV of Austin, Mr. Jamar
2 was an active member of the Texas and National associations of
3 broadcasters; and

4 WHEREAS, In addition to his career, Mr. Jamar was dedicated
5 to serving his community; he was vice chairman of the West Texas
6 Chamber of Commerce, served as president of the Texas Municipal
7 League, Heart of Texas Girl Scout Council, and the Brownwood Rotary
8 Club, held the office of mayor pro tem of Brownwood, and was a
9 member of the Brownwood City Council; he also served on the
10 Brownwood Civic Improvement Foundation Committee and was chairman
11 of the Gordon Wood Hall of Champions Committee; and

12 WHEREAS, A devoted man of faith, Mr. Jamar was a founding
13 member of Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd in Brownwood, where
14 he served as a senior warden and member of the vestry; and

15 WHEREAS, William Jamar was an inspiration to all who knew
16 him, and while he will be greatly missed, his spirit lives on in the
17 hearts and minds of the many people whose lives he touched; now,
18 therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
20 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of William "Bill"
21 Wallace Jamar and extend sincere sympathy to the members of his
22 family: to his wife of 55 years, Jane Ellen Mayes Jamar; to his
23 children and their spouses, Bonnie and Don Dillard, Lydia and Dink
24 Foree, Shelley and Stan Carstens, and Paul and Cynthia Jamar; to his
25 14 grandchildren, Mitchell and William Dillard, Amy Dillard Terry,
26 Burns and Adam Bowen, Abby, Blake, and Nicole Foree, Jonathan
27 Newton, Julie Carstens Stanley, Bonnie Carstens Aughenbaugh,

1 Jennifer Jamar Snyder, and Brian and Bobbie Jamar; to his four
2 great-grandchildren; and to his other relatives and many friends;
3 and, be it further

4 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
5 prepared for the members of his family and that when the Texas House
6 of Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of William
7 "Bill" Wallace Jamar.