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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The DeSoto Independent School District will pay
2 tribute to the memory of former school principal Dalton L. James by
3 naming the district's administration building in his honor on
4 October 12, 2003; and

5 WHEREAS, A native Texan, Mr. James attended North Texas
6 Teachers College in the mid-1920s before beginning his career as an
7 educator and administrator; he earned his bachelor's degree from
8 East Texas Teachers College in 1935, the same year in which he was
9 named principal of DeSoto schools; and

10 WHEREAS, The outstanding tenure of Mr. James as principal
11 lasted until 1943, when he left to become a principal for the New
12 Deal ISD in Lubbock County; during his years of service to the
13 citizens of DeSoto, both he and his wife, Minnie, made numerous
14 contributions to the school and a profound difference in the lives
15 of its students; and

16 WHEREAS, Mr. James devoted 39 years to public school
17 administration in Texas before retiring in 1967 as superintendent
18 of the New Deal ISD; though he died on October 1, 1993, he is fondly
19 remembered by many for instilling in his students the belief that
20 hard work leads to achievement and a bright future; and

21 WHEREAS, Mr. James played a key role in the construction of
22 the DeSoto ISD administration building, and it is indeed
23 appropriate that this edifice serve as a memorial to him and to his
24 legacy of excellence in education; now, therefore, be it

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1 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
2 Legislature hereby recognize the dedication of the Dalton L. James
3 DeSoto Independent School District Administration Building in
4 honor of this esteemed educator and pay tribute to the memory of a
5 remarkable man.