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H.C.R. No. 49

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Family and friends mourn the passing of beloved  
2 educator James Richard LaVois of Houston, who died on May 1, 2006;  
3 and

4 WHEREAS, The son of the Reverend James Novarro LaVois and  
5 Blanche Morton LaVois, he graduated from Sam Houston High School  
6 and prepared for his career in education by earning a bachelor's  
7 degree from Baylor University, a master's degree from Sam Houston  
8 State University, and a doctorate in education from American  
9 University of London; and

10 WHEREAS, Throughout a professional career with the Houston  
11 Independent School District that spanned 45 years until his  
12 retirement in March 2006, Mr. LaVois earned the respect of  
13 colleagues and students alike; he taught math at his alma mater, Sam  
14 Houston High School, became assistant principal at McReynolds and  
15 Edison Junior High Schools, and then served Edison as principal  
16 before assuming that post at Reagan High School; and

17 WHEREAS, After leaving the school setting, Mr. LaVois  
18 continued to play a significant role in the education of area  
19 students in his subsequent administrative posts as the North  
20 Central District superintendent, assistant superintendent for  
21 academic support services and athletics, and interim chief academic  
22 officer; and

23 WHEREAS, He shared a fulfilling family life with his wife of  
24 seven years, Marsha C. Smith LaVois, until her death, and he took

1 great pride in his son, Rod LaVois, and enjoyed the friendship of  
2 many people; and

3 WHEREAS, James LaVois was widely admired for his dedication  
4 to the education of young Texans, and he will long be remembered  
5 with great affection by those who held him dear; now, therefore, be  
6 it

7 RESOLVED, That the 79th Legislature of the State of Texas,  
8 3rd Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the life of James Richard  
9 LaVois and extend deepest sympathy to the members of his family: to  
10 his son, Rod LaVois; to his mother, Blanche LaVois; to his brothers,  
11 Edward LaVois and his wife, Wanda, and Arnold LaVois and his wife,  
12 Judy; to his mother-in-law, Beatrice Smith; to his brother-in-law,  
13 David Smith; to his first wife and good friend, Caroline Fowler  
14 LaVois; to his former mother-in-law, Frances Fowler; to his  
15 sisters-in-law, JoAn Manges and Judy Fowler Hayman and her husband,  
16 Steve; and to his other 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 and Senate adjourn this day, they do so in memory of  
20 James Richard LaVois.