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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Memories of a life filled with joyful times and
2 meaningful accomplishments may comfort the family and friends of
3 James Murdoch of Del Rio, who died on October 2, 2004, at the age of
4 75; and

5 WHEREAS, Born on August 22, 1929, Jim Murdoch graduated from
6 Mesquite High School before marrying his life's love, Elizabeth Sue
7 Hopkins, and serving with distinction as a corporal in the United
8 States Army during the Korean War; and

9 WHEREAS, Following his return to civilian life in 1956, Mr.
10 Murdoch worked in the automotive parts business in Dallas and for
11 the City of Mesquite; in 1976, he and his family relocated to Del
12 Rio, where he had purchased controlling stock in the city's Coors
13 distributorship; and

14 WHEREAS, Mr. Murdoch proved himself to be an invaluable asset
15 to his adopted hometown; a member of First United Methodist Church,
16 the Rotary Club, the United Civic Organization, International Good
17 Neighbors, and Val Verde Lodge No. 646, he was also a director of
18 First Savings & Loan Association and the Del Rio Council of the
19 Arts; moreover, he gave of his time and talents to the West Texas
20 Boys Ranch and helped organize a host of events from golf
21 tournaments to Del Rio Days events at the San Antonio Livestock Show
22 and Rodeo; and

23 WHEREAS, This esteemed civic leader was repeatedly honored
24 for his service and received such noteworthy accolades as the Del

1 Rio Community Pride Award and the Sam Walton Business Leader Award
2 and was named Del Rioan of the Year, Citizen of the Year, and a life
3 director of the Del Rio Military Affairs Association; he was also
4 honored with a Resolution of Appreciation from the Del Rio Chamber
5 of Commerce for more than 30 years of service, including a
6 noteworthy tenure as secretary of the chamber's executive board;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, Those fortunate enough to have known Jim Murdoch
9 will remember his love of his family and his community; although he
10 is greatly missed, his legacy lives on in the hearts of those whose
11 lives he so richly blessed; now, therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
13 Legislature hereby pay special tribute to the life of James Murdoch
14 and extend deepest sympathy to the members of his family: to his
15 wife of 53 years, Elizabeth Sue Murdoch; to his sons, James "Jimmy"
16 Murdoch and his wife, Tibby; to his daughter, Vicki Sue Judice and
17 her husband, Kevin; to his grandchildren, Catherine Elizabeth and
18 Will Judice and Lockett and Jimie Glee Murdoch; to his brother,
19 David Conner Murdoch; to his sister-in-law, Jane Murdoch; and to
20 the other family and friends of this much-loved man; and, be it
21 further

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