

By: Gonzales

H.R. No. 642

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The city of McAllen lost a beloved friend and  
2 neighbor with the untimely passing of James W. Van Burkleo, Jr., on  
3 February 19, 2005, at the age of 52; and

4           WHEREAS, Born on October 16, 1952, Mr. Van Burkleo attended  
5 The University of Texas--Pan American, where he was a member of the  
6 Pan Am Broncs basketball squad; he later joined his father in  
7 business at Van Burkleo Motors, where he became president and CEO;  
8 and

9           WHEREAS, Mr. Van Burkleo lent his talents to a number of  
10 professional organizations, including the boards of the Valley  
11 Automobile Dealers Association, the Texas Auto Dealers  
12 Association, the Lincoln Mercury Dealer Advertising Committee, and  
13 the National Dealer Council for Lincoln Mercury; he also served  
14 with distinction on the board of the local Better Business Bureau  
15 and the executive board of the McAllen Economic Development  
16 Corporation, and his efforts helped to further the endeavors of the  
17 Palmer Drug Abuse Program, the Salvation Army, the American Cancer  
18 Society, and the United Way; and

19           WHEREAS, A man of diverse interests, he enjoyed golf,  
20 cheering on The University of Texas Longhorns, fishing at South  
21 Padre Island, traveling, and above all else, spending time with his  
22 beloved wife and children; and

23           WHEREAS, Those fortunate enough to have known Bill Van  
24 Burkleo will long remember his zest for life and his love of his

1 family and community; although he will be greatly missed, his  
2 legacy will live on in the hearts of those whose lives he so richly  
3 blessed; now, therefore, be it

4       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas  
5 Legislature hereby honor the life of James W. Van Burkleo, Jr., and  
6 extend deepest sympathy to the members of his family: to his wife,  
7 Christine; to his children, Brittany and Brandon Van Burkleo and  
8 Kathryn and Patrick Bason; to his parents, James and Dorinda Van  
9 Burkleo; to his brothers, Terry and his wife, Patti, and Pat and his  
10 wife, Andrea; to his sister, Dee Ann Payne and her husband,  
11 Marshall; and to his other relatives and many friends; and, be it  
12 further

13       RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
14 prepared for the members of his family and that when the Texas House  
15 of Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of James W.  
16 Van Burkleo, Jr.