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H.R. No. 223

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Family and friends mourn the passing of Charles A.
2 James of Arlington, yet the memory of his full and rewarding life
3 may offer a measure of comfort in their time of loss; and

4 WHEREAS, Born to Charles and Hazel James on March 12, 1921, in
5 Morris, Oklahoma, Charlie James grew up in the Wichita Falls area
6 and graduated from Clara High School; he attended East Texas State
7 Teachers College on a track scholarship, earning his degree in
8 1943; and

9 WHEREAS, Following his graduation, Mr. James enlisted in the
10 U.S. Navy; he completed Officer Candidate School at Notre Dame
11 University and bravely served his country in the South Pacific as a
12 Lieutenant JG aboard the USS *Dauphin* during World War II; and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. James returned to civilian life in 1946 and
14 began a career with Gifford Hill American Pipe Company that would
15 span four decades; through the years, he worked for the company in
16 Wichita Falls, where he was the firm's first Texas employee, and he
17 later held positions of increased responsibility in Victoria and
18 Dallas; in 1986 he retired from the firm, having distinguished
19 himself most recently as its vice president, secretary, and
20 treasurer; and

21 WHEREAS, A valued resident of Arlington since 1955, Mr. James
22 was an active member of the local Kiwanis Club and was chairman of
23 its audit committee for many years; he was also a longtime
24 congregant of First United Methodist Church, which he served as a

1 member of the finance committee and as head usher, and his other
2 civic contributions included service as a member of the board of
3 directors of the Rolling Hills Country Club and as a volunteer with
4 the Salvation Army; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. James was a man of many interests and enjoyed
6 hunting birds, playing golf and bridge, and square dancing and
7 traveling with his beloved wife, Hazel, whom he married in 1947;
8 together they were blessed with two children, Sharon and Larry, and
9 their family would later grow to include their grandchildren,
10 Michael, Andy, Jennifer, and Charli, and their
11 great-grandchildren, Cody, Kyle, Maci, and Kyndal; and

12 WHEREAS, A true and faithful friend to many, a devoted
13 husband, and a cherished father and grandfather, Charlie James will
14 be deeply missed by those who were privileged to share in his love
15 and friendship; now, therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
17 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Charlie James and
18 extend sincere sympathy to the members of his family and to his many
19 friends; and, be it further

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