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H.R. No. 247

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Citizens of Wichita Falls lost a valued friend and
2 community leader on January 23, 2007, when James E. Lane passed away
3 at the age of 79; and

4 WHEREAS, Born to James and Augusta Lane on April 9, 1927,
5 James Lane was a Wichita Falls native; he served his country in the
6 U.S. Navy during World War II and later worked for Ruddy Packing and
7 Paul Scheurer Engineering; and

8 WHEREAS, On February 6, 1950, Mr. Lane married the former
9 Elizabeth Frerich, with whom he shared 56 years of love and
10 companionship, and the couple were blessed with three children,
11 Deloris, Louis, and Leo; and

12 WHEREAS, With the aid of his wife, he started James Lane Air
13 Conditioning in 1957, and that ambitious entrepreneurial venture
14 continues to thrive 50 years later as James Lane Air Conditioning,
15 Heating, and Plumbing; under Mr. Lane's leadership, the company
16 received national recognition as a semifinalist in the Better
17 Business Bureau "Torch Award for Marketplace Ethics," an
18 achievement of which he was justifiably proud; moreover, this
19 prominent gentleman served as president of the Air Conditioning
20 Contractors of America-Texas; and

21 WHEREAS, Mr. Lane was a longtime supporter of the Boys and
22 Girls Clubs of Wichita Falls, serving on the board for 33 years and
23 as president for a year and participating on multiple committees;
24 he also chaired the North Texas Area Council, a group of 22 North

1 Texas clubs, and received the National Board Medallion for his
2 exemplary service to the Boys and Girls Clubs of America; and

3 WHEREAS, An avid outdoorsman and rancher, Mr. Lane enjoyed
4 hunting and fishing with his family, particularly his
5 grandchildren; he practiced his faith as a member of Sacred Heart
6 Catholic Church, and he was a 4th Degree member of the Knights of
7 Columbus; notably, he was also highly regarded as the "Wagon Boss"
8 of the Mavericks, a group of local businessmen famous for preparing
9 hearty fare for community events; and

10 WHEREAS, James Lane was a man of character, compassion, and
11 generosity who enjoyed giving back to his community, and he leaves
12 behind a legacy to treasure by those who held him dear; now,
13 therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
15 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of James E. Lane and
16 extend deepest sympathy to the members of his family: to his wife,
17 Elizabeth Lane; to his daughter, Deloris Lane; to his sons and
18 daughter-in-law, Louis Lane and Leo and Sherri Lane; to his
19 brothers, Clarence Lane and Joe Lane; to his grandchildren,
20 McKenzie, James Clayton, and Taylor Lane; and to his other
21 relatives and many friends; and, be it 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 E.
25 Lane.