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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The family, friends, and colleagues of retired Del  
2 Mar College professor James R. Bryce of Corpus Christi mourn his  
3 passing on January 15, 2007, at the age of 85; and

4           WHEREAS, Born in Mineral Wells in 1921, Mr. Bryce came of age  
5 during the Great Depression; answering the call of his country  
6 during World War II, he served in the United States Army Air Forces  
7 in Italy and France as a liaison pilot, bravely flying  
8 reconnaissance missions and carrying mail, documents, and small  
9 cargo, often at low altitude and in very dangerous conditions; and

10           WHEREAS, After the war, Mr. Bryce earned his bachelor's  
11 degree from Midwestern State University in Wichita Falls; he worked  
12 for a time as a construction contractor before earning a master's  
13 degree in economics from Texas Christian University in Fort Worth;  
14 and

15           WHEREAS, He taught at Arlington Junior College for a year  
16 before settling at Del Mar College in Corpus Christi, where he was a  
17 well-regarded instructor of accounting from 1967 until 1991; a  
18 committed teacher, he earned a reputation for giving his students  
19 personal attention and helping them to further their academic  
20 growth; and

21           WHEREAS, The author of two college textbooks on accounting  
22 and finance, Professor Bryce also published *Liaison Pilot*, an  
23 account of his experiences in World War II, which was based on the  
24 letters, diary, and pilot's log he kept while in the military; his

1 leisure time was often taken up with fishing and jazz music, which  
2 he enjoyed both as a fan and as a performer, playing the clarinet  
3 for family and friends; and

4 WHEREAS, Remembered by his colleagues and students as a  
5 dedicated and hardworking teacher, James Bryce was also prized for  
6 his enthusiastic, outgoing personality and his devotion as a  
7 husband and father, and his memory will long inspire those who  
8 shared in his love and friendship; now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas  
10 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Professor James R.  
11 Bryce and extend sincere condolences to the members of his family:  
12 to his wife of 59 years, Myrtle Mae Bryce; to his daughters, Holli  
13 Fry and her husband, Greg, and Heather Bryce Rogers and her husband,  
14 William; to his son, Kim; to his 11 grandchildren and two  
15 great-grandchildren; to his sister, Sibyl Jane Bryce Lipton; and to  
16 the other relatives and friends of this dedicated educator; and, be  
17 it further

18 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
19 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
20 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Professor  
21 Bryce.