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H.R. No. 2989

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The residents of Georgetown lost one of their most
2 beloved neighbors and admired community leaders with the passing of
3 James Lowell Shield II on September 27, 2006; and

4 WHEREAS, Raised in Dallas, Jim Shield attended W. T. White
5 High School and earned his bachelor's degree in finance from The
6 University of Texas and his master's degree from the Southwestern
7 Graduate School of Banking at Southern Methodist University; and

8 WHEREAS, Mr. Shield became a prominent figure in the Texas
9 banking industry, and he was highly regarded for his talent in team
10 building, strategic planning, and financial analysis; his
11 leadership benefited several different institutions, and he was a
12 key figure in the founding of the Regions Bank franchise and served
13 as its president and chief executive officer since 2000; and

14 WHEREAS, A leader within the business community, Jim Shield
15 was a member of the Georgetown, Round Rock, and Greater Austin
16 Chambers of Commerce, the Real Estate Council of Austin, and the
17 Texas Bankers Association; in addition, he served as chairman of
18 the board for the Austin Chamber of the Northwest Business Council;
19 and

20 WHEREAS, For more than a decade, Jim Shield lent his time and
21 considerable expertise to the American Heart Association; at the
22 national level, he was the secretary-treasurer and chair of the
23 Budget Review Committee, and at the state level he was a board
24 member and former chair who raised a record-setting \$25 million for

1 the association; moreover, he served as chair of the AHA Capital
2 Area Division board of directors and the Central Texas Heartwalk,
3 and he was a member of the Strategic Initiatives Task Force that
4 outlined the organization's role in the 21st century; he and his
5 wife, Jenni, launched a successful effort to place automated
6 external defibrillators in first-responder vehicles in Williamson
7 County, which positively impacted the safety of their fellow
8 citizens; and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. Shield served the youth of the State of Texas in
10 myriad ways; he was a member of the board of the YMCA of Greater
11 Williamson County, the Austin Metropolitan YMCA, and the Methodist
12 Children's Home of Waco, and he chaired the Partner of Youth
13 Campaign; in addition, he and his wife were instrumental in the
14 establishment of the Georgetown Circle of Friends, an organization
15 that benefits the Dell Children's Medical Center; and

16 WHEREAS, A member of the First United Methodist Church of
17 Georgetown, Mr. Shield served the congregation in a number of
18 capacities, including co-chair of the stewardship committee and
19 president of the Friendship Sunday School class, and he was a member
20 of the Holy Conversations Strategic Planning Coordinating
21 Committee, the administrative council, and the adult choir; and

22 WHEREAS, Those fortunate enough to have known Jim Shield will
23 remember a man who championed health, who exemplified integrity and
24 altruism, and who touched the lives of countless individuals with
25 his intelligence and his caring nature; although his death has
26 brought great sorrow to those who loved him, his life was an
27 inspiring example of the good that one person can accomplish; now,

1 therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
3 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of James Lowell Shield II
4 and offer sincere condolences to the members of his family: to his
5 wife of 16 years, Jennifer Shield; to his children, Ryan Jeffrey and
6 his wife, Holly, Callan Elizabeth, Hayley Meagan, and Jordan
7 Kathleen; to his grandson, Tristen Robert Shield; to his sister,
8 Barbara Stoneback; to his nephew, Matthew Stoneback; and to his
9 other relatives and friends; and, be it further

10 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
11 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
12 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Jim Shield.