SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 1072

In Memory of James Howard Dunks

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas joins the citizens of New Braunfels in mourning the loss of community leader James Howard Dunks, who died March 20, 2007, at the age of 45; and

WHEREAS, James Dunks was born in San Antonio and moved with his family to New Braunfels in 1972; after graduating from high school in 1979, he attended Trinity University, playing football for the Trinity Tigers, and earned a bachelor's degree in science; and

WHEREAS, He began a successful career in finance as a national bank examiner with the Comptroller of the Currency, a department of the United States Treasury; he then worked as a vice president for the Alice National Bank in Alice; and

WHEREAS, James returned to New Braunfels in 1993 and began his career as an investment advisor; in September of 2006 he received designation as a certified financial planner; and

WHEREAS, He enthusiastically served his community, working diligently to make it a better place to live, work, and raise a family; he was an active leader in the Rotary Club, having served as its president and as a counselor with the Rotary's Youth Exchange; he hosted five international students from the program in his home; and

WHEREAS, He also served as president of the United Way and as a leader in the New Braunfels Chamber of Commerce; he was active in city and county elections and served as a planning and zoning commissioner for New Braunfels; and

WHEREAS, He was a member of the Oakwood Baptist Church, and he showed his devotion in his daily life; he enjoyed hunting, fishing, and going to the beach with friends and family; most of all, he enjoyed being with his devoted wife and daughters; and

WHEREAS, He will fondly be remembered as an accomplished investments advisor, an influential community advocate, and a devoted family man who will be greatly missed by all who had the good fortune to know him; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 80th Legislature, hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family of James Howard Dunks: his wife, Felicia Dunks; his daughters, Sarah Ann Dunks and Leah Nicole Dunks; his mother, Mary Ann Dunks; his sister, Pamela Kay Esmond; and his brother, Steven Paul Dunks; and, be it further

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RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for the members of his family as an expression of deepest sympathy from the Texas Senate, and that when the Senate adjourns this day, it do so in memory of James Howard Dunks.

Wentworth

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 17, 2007, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate