

By: Hilderbran

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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The family and friends of James Sparks, Jr., of
2 Beaumont were greatly saddened by his passing on March 8, 2008, at
3 the age of 66; and

4 WHEREAS, Born on March 23, 1941, to James William Sparks,
5 Sr., and Vurla Carpenter Sparks, Jimmy Sparks graduated from South
6 Park High School and proceeded to earn degrees from Lamar
7 University and Baylor University; and

8 WHEREAS, After a 40-year career practicing law in his
9 hometown, Mr. Sparks had recently spent five years living in
10 Fredericksburg, fulfilling his long-held desire to reside in the
11 Texas Hill Country; he was a member of Westgate Church of Christ;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, Although he is deeply missed, those who treasured
14 this caring and thoughtful man will forever remember with great
15 affection his zest for life and wonderful sense of humor; now,
16 therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
18 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of James Sparks, Jr., and
19 extend sincere sympathy to the members of his family: to his wife,
20 Martha Dougharty Sparks; to his sons, Mark Sparks and James Sparks
21 III and his wife, Nancy; to his niece, Dana Work, and her husband,
22 Scott; to his great-nephews, David and Ethan Work; and to his other
23 relatives and friends; and, be it further

24 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be

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1 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
2 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of James
3 Sparks, Jr.