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H.R. No. 174

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Residents of Collin County lost an admired leader  
2 and dedicated public servant with the death of Jack Hatchell on  
3 June 28, 2008, at the age of 70; and

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Hatchell graduated from Texas A&M University,  
5 where he earned his bachelor's and master's degrees in civil  
6 engineering, and went on to work as a transportation engineer; long  
7 dedicated to his community, he served on the Plano City Council from  
8 1975 to 1985, and the following year he was elected Collin County  
9 commissioner for Precinct 4; and

10 WHEREAS, Throughout his five terms in that position,  
11 Mr. Hatchell was an effective advocate for his constituents and  
12 brought commissioners together to achieve positive results for the  
13 community; and

14 WHEREAS, In addition to playing a vital role in the  
15 development of such major roadway projects as the President George  
16 Bush Turnpike and the Dallas North Tollway extensions, he worked to  
17 avoid county tax rate increases during the past decade, supported a  
18 tax freeze for senior citizens, and helped to develop parks and  
19 trails; and

20 WHEREAS, Mr. Hatchell received numerous accolades, among  
21 them the 2005 Road Hand Award from the Texas Department of  
22 Transportation and the William J. Pitstick Regional Excellence  
23 Award from the North Central Texas Council of Governments; the  
24 highest honor bestowed by the organization, the award recognized

1 his distinguished career in government and his leadership on  
2 transportation issues; and

3 WHEREAS, While fulfilling the demands of his office,  
4 Mr. Hatchell also shared his time and expertise with the Regional  
5 Transportation Commission as a member and chairman; and

6 WHEREAS, Jack Hatchell served the residents of Collin County  
7 with integrity and an unwavering devotion to the greater good; he  
8 set a high standard for future leaders, and the programs that he  
9 established will continue to benefit area Texans for years to come;  
10 now, therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas  
12 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Collin County  
13 Commissioner Jack Hatchell and extend sincere sympathy to the  
14 members of his family: to his wife of 47 years, Pat; to his  
15 daughters, Amy Briggs and Beth Jamison; to his grandson, Jack  
16 Jamison; and to his other relatives and many friends; and, be it  
17 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 Jack  
21 Hatchell.