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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Memories of a life filled with joyful times and  
2 meaningful accomplishments remain to comfort the family and friends  
3 of James Edward Starrett of Arlington, who passed away on June 23,  
4 2010, at the age of 88; and

5           WHEREAS, Born on May 24, 1922, James Starrett grew up in  
6 Reilly Springs, where he graduated from the local high school at the  
7 age of 15; he went on to attend Pickton High School in an effort to  
8 extend his baseball career another year and later served his  
9 country as a member of the U.S. Army Air Forces; and

10           WHEREAS, Mr. Starrett earned his bachelor's and master's  
11 degrees from East Texas State University and began a distinguished  
12 tenure in education that spanned more than three decades; after  
13 teaching in Como and Pleasant Grove, he joined the Arlington  
14 Independent School District in 1956 as vice principal of Ousley  
15 Junior High School; and

16           WHEREAS, Mr. Starrett later served as director of the  
17 district's special services before returning to school  
18 administration as principal of Bess Rankin Elementary; he was  
19 subsequently named principal of Tom and Maude Foster Elementary,  
20 and he earned the respect and admiration of students and colleagues  
21 alike before his retirement in 1983; as evidence of his commitment  
22 to the public education system in Arlington, he continued to mentor  
23 young educators, and his professional contributions were  
24 recognized in 1987 when the district named a school in his honor;

1 and

2 WHEREAS, A valued member of First Baptist Church of Arlington  
3 for 54 years, he served his congregation as a greeter in the  
4 children's wing, where he volunteered in Sunday school classes; he  
5 also enjoyed attending high school football and baseball games and  
6 sharing his time with various departments at the Arlington Baseball  
7 Park; and

8 WHEREAS, Above all else, Mr. Starrett was devoted to his  
9 family, including his wife, Ada, his children, Steve and Laura, and  
10 his three beloved grandchildren, Jesse, Dalton, and Blair; and

11 WHEREAS, James Starrett was a positive influence in the lives  
12 of countless young people, and he leaves behind a legacy of good  
13 works that will long endure; now, therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas  
15 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of James Edward Starrett  
16 and extend deepest sympathy to the members of his family: to his  
17 wife, Ada Starrett; to his children, Steve Starrett and Laura  
18 Bogard; to his grandchildren, Jesse and Dalton Starrett and Blair  
19 Bogard Kveton and her husband, Craig; to his sister, Ragene Moore;  
20 and to his other relatives and many friends; and, be it further

21 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
22 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
23 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of James  
24 Edward Starrett.