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## RESOLUTION

- 1 WHEREAS, Residents of Arlington lost a cherished friend and
- 2 an admired educator with the death of June James III on March 17,
- 3 2010, at the age of 75; and
- WHEREAS, A native of Shreveport, Louisiana, June James was
- 5 born on December 27, 1934, and he was one of nine children of June
- 6 James II and Ella James; after attending high school, he answered
- 7 his nation's call to duty, and he served as a paratrooper in the
- 8 United States Army and later joined the U.S. Air Force; and
- 9 WHEREAS, He went on to earn a bachelor's degree in biology and
- 10 a master's degree in education administration from Southern
- 11 University in Baton Rouge, as well as an education specialist
- 12 degree from the University of Miami and a doctoral degree in
- 13 education administration from the University of Pittsburgh; during
- 14 his postgraduate studies, he met the former Annie King, and the
- 15 couple were married in 1980; and
- WHEREAS, Dr. James worked as an administrator at Southern
- 17 University before retiring and moving to Arlington in 1989; shortly
- 18 thereafter, he became a special assistant at The University of
- 19 Texas at Arlington and served as a professor and a mentor to future
- 20 principals and superintendents while actively recruiting students
- 21 to the university; and
- WHEREAS, Also a dedicated civic leader, Dr. James helped
- 23 organize the Arlington chapters of Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity and
- 24 the NAACP; through the years, he served as president and vice

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- 1 president of the local NAACP group, and he regularly contributed to
- 2 fund-raising efforts at the annual NAACP Freedom Fund Banquet; Dr.
- 3 James was further engaged in Mount Olive Baptist Church, and he was
- 4 instrumental in establishing Metro Christian Academy, a private
- 5 school affiliated with the church; and
- 6 WHEREAS, A caring and generous man, June James touched the
- 7 lives of countless individuals, and he leaves behind a legacy of
- 8 achievement that will long be admired by all those who were
- 9 privileged to know him; now, therefore, be it
- 10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
- 11 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of June James III and
- 12 extend sincere sympathy to the members of his family: to his wife,
- 13 Annie James; to his sons, Kenneth James, Michael James, and Kevin G.
- 14 James; to his daughters, Jennifer James, Shondra James, Kelly
- 15 Causey and her husband, Anthony, and Gina King Jones and her
- 16 husband, Alton; to his sisters, Lucille Robinson, Eloise Black and
- 17 her husband, the Reverend Robert Black, Alyce McLemore, and Carolyn
- 18 Canaday; to his grandsons, Anthony Causey, Nicholas Causey, Ramon
- 19 James, Jason James, June James V, Brice Jackson-James, and Michael
- 20 S. James, Jr.; and to his other relatives and friends; and, be it
- 21 further
- 22 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
- 23 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
- 24 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of June James
- 25 III.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 408 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on March 3, 2011.

Chief Clerk of the House