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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Family and friends will long cherish their memories
2 of James Kennedy Skipton, Jr., of Houston, who died on May 25, 2011,
3 at the age of 76; and

4 WHEREAS, Jim Skipton was born in New Rochelle, New York, on
5 September 5, 1934, to James and Bernadine Skipton; he grew up in
6 Houston, where he graduated from Lamar High School, and he went on
7 to attend Texas A&M University, The University of Texas, and the
8 University of Houston; and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. Skipton shared a fulfilling marriage with his
10 wife, LaMerle, for 53 years, and together they were blessed with
11 five children, Kim, Pat, Sharon, Suzanne, and James, as well as
12 seven grandchildren; and

13 WHEREAS, A successful businessman, Mr. Skipton was the
14 founder and president of Texas Fire and Safety, a company with
15 locations in Houston, Dallas, and San Antonio; he collected vintage
16 firefighting memorabilia that he displayed at his office; and

17 WHEREAS, Mr. Skipton was active in his community as a
18 lifetime member of the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo and a
19 founder of the Texas American Saddlebred Horses Association; he
20 also belonged to the Pin Oak Charity Horse Show, the Houston Figure
21 Skating Club, the Houston Club, the Forest Club, and the Knights of
22 Momus; he attended St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Bellville, where
23 he served on the vestry; and

24 WHEREAS, A man who was true to his word and brought happiness

1 to the lives of others, Jim Skipton will long be remembered with
2 great admiration and affection by all those who were privileged to
3 know him; now, therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
5 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of James Kennedy
6 Skipton, Jr., and extend sincere condolences to the members of his
7 family: to his wife, LaMerle Skipton; to his daughters, Kim
8 Skipton, Pat Jones and her husband, David, Sharon Skipton, and
9 Suzanne Shelton and her husband, Robert; to his son, James Kennedy
10 Skipton III, and his wife, Laurie; to his grandchildren, David
11 Jones, Jordan Jones, Shelby Shelton, Sara Beth Shelton, Sydney
12 Shelton, Jimmy Skipton IV, and Andrew Skipton; to his sister,
13 Sandra Parham; to his brother-in-law, William Dell York, Jr.; and
14 to his other relatives and friends; and, be it further

15 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
16 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
17 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of James
18 Kennedy Skipton, Jr.