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H.R. No. 29

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A rich and purposeful life drew to a close with the  
2 death of James L. Bearden of Arlington on November 9, 2011, at the  
3 age of 60; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in Dallas on August 20, 1951, Mr. Bearden was  
5 the son of Clarence Wesley Bearden and Wanda Fae Bedwell Bearden;  
6 and

7 WHEREAS, James Bearden served as an intelligence officer in  
8 the military and subsequently built a career as a private  
9 investigator and security expert; along the way, he earned a  
10 bachelor's degree in political science from The University of Texas  
11 at Arlington and then continued his education at the Texas Wesleyan  
12 School of Law, where he earned a degree in 2001; he went on to enter  
13 private practice and to serve as General Counsel for the Texas  
14 Association of Licensed Investigators; and

15 WHEREAS, Involved in his community, Mr. Bearden variously  
16 shared his time and talents as an assistant scoutmaster, as  
17 president of the Fielder Museum, and as a member of the UTA Alumni  
18 Association Board of Directors; moreover, he was a valued  
19 congregant of St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church; and

20 WHEREAS, In the early 1970s, Mr. Bearden married Shana Lesa  
21 Bearden, and the couple shared 37 years together, until her death in  
22 2009; they were blessed with four children, Wes, Brad, April, and  
23 Chrissy, and their family later grew to include three  
24 grandchildren, Lily, Bella, and Maddie; and

1           WHEREAS, Deeply devoted to his family and his community,  
2 James Bearden made a meaningful difference in the lives of his loved  
3 ones and fellow citizens alike, and he leaves behind a legacy that  
4 will be treasured for years to come; now, therefore, be it

5           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas  
6 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of James L. Bearden and  
7 extend sincere condolences to the members of his family: to his  
8 sons, Wes Bearden and his wife, Antoinette, and Brad Bearden and his  
9 fiancée, Tiffani Brooks; to his daughters, April Flowers and her  
10 husband, T. J., and Chrissy Bailey and her husband, Doug; to his  
11 grandchildren, Lily and Maddie Flowers and Bella Bearden; to his  
12 brother, Dan Bearden, and his wife, Amy; to his sisters, Wanda  
13 Burton and Bonnie Sims; and to his other relatives and many friends;  
14 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 L.  
18 Bearden.