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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Those Texans who give of their time and talents to  
2 benefit the larger community make the world a better place through  
3 their actions and their example, and James R. Perry of Fort Worth,  
4 who passed away on February 25, 2013, at the age of 77, was indeed  
5 one such person; and

6           WHEREAS, James Perry was born in Shamrock on December 1,  
7 1935, to Charles B. Perry and Sunshine G. Perry; he graduated from  
8 Odessa High School in 1954 and subsequently earned a degree from the  
9 University of Oklahoma, where he was president of the OU chapter of  
10 Phi Delta Theta; he served his country in the United States Army and  
11 attained the rank of captain; and

12           WHEREAS, A leader in the banking industry, Mr. Perry worked  
13 at City National Bank and Trust in Oklahoma City, at State National  
14 Bank in Odessa, and finally at the First National Bank of Fort  
15 Worth, which eventually became NCNB Texas; he retired in 1989 as  
16 chair of both NCNB Texas Fort Worth and of the Texas Region of NCNB;  
17 and

18           WHEREAS, This highly accomplished gentleman contributed  
19 greatly to his community as well and was active in numerous civic  
20 organizations, including the United Way of Tarrant County, which he  
21 served as president and as chair of the board of trustees; he also  
22 presided over the Arts Council of Fort Worth and Tarrant County,  
23 served as a treasurer of the Fort Worth Corporation, and served as  
24 vice president of the Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce; he further  
25 distinguished himself as chair of the chamber's foundation; and

1           WHEREAS, In addition to fulfilling these commitments, Mr.  
2 Perry held a seat on the board of directors of the Colorado River  
3 Municipal Water District and served as a trustee of the Harris  
4 Methodist Health System, as governor and treasurer of the Fort  
5 Worth Club, and as an executive committee member of the Southwest  
6 Exposition and Livestock Show; and

7           WHEREAS, In all of his endeavors, Mr. Perry enjoyed the love  
8 and support of his wife, June, and he was the proud father of two  
9 sons, Jeffrey and Joel; he had the pleasure of welcoming into his  
10 family a daughter-in-law, Denise, and four grandchildren, Jordan,  
11 Caprice, Jim, and Mike; and

12           WHEREAS, James Perry lived a rich and purposeful life, and he  
13 will long be remembered with deep affection by those who were  
14 privileged to know him; now, therefore, be it

15           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas  
16 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of James R. Perry and  
17 extend sincere condolences to the members of his family: to his  
18 wife, June Perry; to his sons, Jeffrey and Joel Perry; to his  
19 daughter-in-law, Denise Perry; to his grandchildren, Jordan,  
20 Caprice, Jim, and Mike Perry; to his brothers, Charles Perry and his  
21 wife, Jo, and Ken Perry and his wife, Mary Dean; to his  
22 sister-in-law, Barbara Vaughn Skelton; and to his other relatives  
23 and friends; and, be it further

24           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
25 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
26 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of James R.  
27 Perry.