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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A full and generous life has drawn to a close with
2 the passing of broadcaster and newspaperman Leonard Arthur Jones
3 Jr. of Fort Worth on February 8, 2015, at the age of 73; and

4 WHEREAS, Art Jones was born on September 15, 1941, in
5 Freeport, New York, to Leonard A. Jones Sr. and Martha Smith Jones;
6 at the age of five, he moved with his family to Uvalde, where he
7 graduated from high school in 1958; and

8 WHEREAS, The following year, Mr. Jones joined station KCLE in
9 Cleburne, beginning a career of more than two decades in radio
10 broadcasting; during that time, he was a well-known on-air
11 personality at KIOA in Des Moines, Iowa, and KCMO in Kansas City,
12 Missouri; in 1977, he joined KFJZ in Fort Worth as creative
13 director; and

14 WHEREAS, Mr. Jones subsequently started HTM Productions,
15 which made radio and television commercials, and he also wrote for
16 the trade journal of the International Mobile Air Conditioning
17 Association; at the age of 60, he switched careers and bought the
18 *Northwest Tarrant County Times Record*, serving as the paper's
19 publisher until his retirement in 2009; and

20 WHEREAS, Art Jones and his wife, Joan, shared a rewarding
21 marriage that spanned 39 years, until his death; he was the father
22 of three children, Leonard Jones III, Terrice Jones, and the late
23 Leslie Jones, and he was blessed with 13 grandchildren and 15
24 great-grandchildren; and

1 WHEREAS, A devoted husband, a dotting parent and grandparent,
2 and a dynamic professional, Art Jones lived a life that was varied
3 and rich in accomplishments, and he leaves behind a legacy that will
4 continue to inspire all those who knew and loved him; now,
5 therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
7 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Leonard Arthur Jones
8 Jr. and extend sincere condolences to the members of his family: to
9 his wife, Joan Jones; to his son, Leonard Arthur Jones III and his
10 wife, Marie; to his daughter, Terrice Jones and her husband,
11 William; to his brother, Harry Jones and his wife, Carole; to his
12 grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and to his other relatives
13 and friends; and, be it further

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