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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, For many years, James P. Graham of Dallas has given
2 generously of his time and energy in behalf of his community; and

3 WHEREAS, A successful independent oil and gas producer,
4 Mr. Graham has served the Dallas Park and Recreation Board as
5 president and as committee chair, and he is a former president of
6 the Friends of Fair Park; he has also chaired and co-chaired the
7 master plan development committees of White Rock Lake and Fair
8 Park, and served as a director of the Dallas Grand Prix at Fair Park
9 and the Dallas 2012 Olympic Bid Committee; a cofounder of the "Send
10 a Kid to Camp" program, he has been the chair of the advisory board
11 of CitiBeat, Inc., an inner-city youth soccer program; and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. Graham has regularly accepted prestigious
13 appointments from the mayor and city council of Dallas, serving as
14 the city's sole negotiator for the contract renegotiation of the
15 Starplex Amphitheater (now the Gexa Energy Pavilion), as chair of
16 the World Cup Dallas 1994 Bid Committee, as co-chair of the World
17 Cup Dallas 1994 Host Committee and the World Cup Dallas 1994
18 Security Task Force Committee, and as co-chair of the city's 2009
19 effort to bring the FIFA World Cup games back to Dallas in 2018 or
20 2022; and

21 WHEREAS, A former director and executive committee member of
22 the Mountain States Legal Foundation, Mr. Graham currently serves
23 on the board of DonamiSport, which supports the YMCA of Liberia, and
24 as chair of the Friends of Dallas Parks; his many awards and

1 recognitions include the Dallas All Sports Association "Big D"
2 Award, induction into the North Texas Soccer Hall of Fame, and
3 charter membership in the Knights of the Magnolia Society; and

4 WHEREAS, A native of Tyler, Mr. Graham earned his degree in
5 petroleum land management and finance from The University of Texas
6 at Austin and his master's degree in business administration from
7 Southern Methodist University; in all his endeavors, he enjoys the
8 love and support of his wife, Pamela, and his sons, Jace and Tyler;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, Communities across the Lone Star State derive great
11 benefit from the leadership and engagement of public-spirited
12 citizens such as Jim Graham, and this esteemed Texan may indeed take
13 pride in all that he has achieved; now, therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
15 Legislature hereby commend James P. Graham for his outstanding
16 record of civic involvement and extend to him sincere best wishes
17 for continued success and happiness; and, be it further

18 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
19 prepared for Mr. Graham as an expression of high regard by the Texas
20 House of Representatives.