

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, James E. Buckner Jr. of Corpus Christi passed away
2 on January 9, 2017, at the age of 62, bringing a great loss to his
3 family and friends; and

4 WHEREAS, The son of Shirley Buckner and James Buckner Sr.,
5 Jim Buckner was born in Galveston on September 30, 1954; he
6 completed his bachelor's degree in wildlife fisheries science at
7 Texas A&M University and went on to work for the Texas A&M Marine
8 Advisory Service as a marine agent for five years; subsequently, he
9 enrolled at the University of Houston--Clear Lake and earned a
10 master's degree in hospital administration; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Buckner was employed at Rice District Community
12 Hospital and Cuero Community Hospital before becoming CEO of Uvalde
13 Memorial Hospital in 2004; among other accomplishments, he guided
14 the building of the Women's Imaging Center and played a key role in
15 the construction of the Kate Marmion Regional Cancer Center; under
16 his leadership, Uvalde Memorial received the prestigious 2012 Press
17 Ganey Distinctive Workplace Award, and it was named Uvalde Business
18 of the Year; he became CEO of Dimmit Regional Hospital in 2013 and
19 oversaw numerous additions and improvements; and

20 WHEREAS, Dedicated to improving rural health care,
21 Mr. Buckner served two terms as chair of the Texas Organization of
22 Rural and Community Hospitals, which presented him with its Gordon
23 Russell Merit Award in 2011; he also served on the state's Medicare
24 Reform Board; and

1 WHEREAS, Mr. Buckner cherished his family above all; he
2 shared a fulfilling marriage of more than 42 years with his wife,
3 Rebecca Southworth Buckner, and he loved spending time with his
4 four daughters, Elizabeth, Sarah, Melissa, and Jessica, as well as
5 his adopted daughter, Stephanie, and his 18 grandchildren, who
6 called him "Paca"; a man of deep faith, he served the Church of
7 Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints as branch president in three
8 different congregations and as a stake high councilman, young men's
9 president, and teacher; he was an avid outdoorsman and enjoyed
10 saltwater fishing, kayaking, scuba diving, camping, hunting, and
11 gardening; and

12 WHEREAS, Although Jim Buckner is deeply missed, memories of
13 his kindness, compassion, and devotion will forever remain to
14 comfort and inspire those he has left behind; now, therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
16 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of James E. Buckner Jr.
17 and extend sincere condolences to his relatives and friends; and,
18 be it further

19 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
20 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
21 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Jim
22 Buckner.

King of Uvalde
Hunter

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Geren	Neave	Wu
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H.R. No. 270

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 270 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on February 20, 2017.

Chief Clerk of the House