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## RESOLUTION

- 1 WHEREAS, A life made rich through meaningful service drew to
- 2 a close with the passing of James Ray Clements of Big Spring on
- 3 February 18, 2017, at the age of 61; and
- WHEREAS, The son of Jack and Helen Clements, Jim Clements was
- 5 born on July 10, 1955, in Big Spring, and he spent his childhood in
- 6 Andrews; after graduating from Andrews High School, he went on to
- 7 join the Corps of Cadets at Texas A&M University, earning his degree
- 8 in 1977; he later enjoyed a 30-year career with Oncor, from which he
- 9 retired as area manager; and
- 10 WHEREAS, In 1980, Mr. Clements married the love of his life,
- 11 Leslie, and the couple settled in Big Spring; over the years, they
- 12 had the pleasure of watching their family grow to include two sons,
- 13 Nathan and James, as well as two granddaughters, Jaylee Rae and
- 14 Charlie Ann; and
- WHEREAS, Mr. Clements served his community as a Little League
- 16 baseball and soccer coach and as a member of the Greater Big Spring
- 17 Rotary Club and president of the Big Spring Area Chamber of
- 18 Commerce; sustained by a deep faith, he was also a valued congregant
- 19 of the First United Methodist Church of Big Spring, where he led a
- 20 Sunday school class for young families and chaired the Mission and
- 21 Outreach program; and
- WHEREAS, A devoted husband and father and an engaged citizen,
- 23 Jim Clements was admired for his kindness, his warm smile, and his
- 24 wonderful sense of humor, and all those who were fortunate enough to

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- 1 know him will forever hold him close in their hearts; now,
- 2 therefore, be it
- 3 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
- 4 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of James Ray Clements
- 5 and extend sincere condolences to his relatives and friends; and,
- 6 be it further
- 7 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
- 8 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
- 9 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Jim
- 10 Clements.