

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The citizens of Colorado City lost an esteemed  
2 community leader with the death of the Honorable Jim Baum on  
3 December 16, 2018, at the age of 82; and

4 WHEREAS, The son of James and Edith Baum, Jim Baum was born on  
5 September 25, 1936, in Des Moines, Iowa; he graduated from Abilene  
6 High School in 1954 and served his country as a member of the  
7 National Guard; he subsequently played minor league baseball in the  
8 Pittsburgh Pirates organization for two years; and

9 WHEREAS, After returning to Texas, Mr. Baum began working for  
10 the KCRS radio station, and he went on to manage KBYG in Big Spring  
11 for 17 years before buying KVMC/KAUM radio in Colorado City and  
12 becoming "the voice of Mitchell County"; a popular figure in  
13 Colorado City, he assumed the office of mayor in 1987 and continued  
14 to hold that position until 2001; he was later reelected, serving as  
15 mayor from 2013 until the time of his passing; and

16 WHEREAS, Mr. Baum wed Margaret Stewart in 1960, and they  
17 shared a rewarding marriage that spanned three decades before her  
18 passing; Mr. Baum was fortunate enough to find love again with the  
19 former Linda Sample, and the couple exchanged wedding vows on  
20 February 14, 1992; Mr. Baum took great pride in his children, Jim,  
21 Bill, Doug, and Laura, and he was further blessed with nine  
22 grandchildren, Richard, Nicole, Bailey, Graham, Grace, Kate,  
23 Vanessa, Delany, and Pecos; and

24 WHEREAS, The author of several books, Mayor Baum also enjoyed

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1 taking care of rescue dogs, collecting baseball cards, and rooting  
2 for his favorite sports teams, the Texas Rangers and the Dallas  
3 Cowboys; and

4 WHEREAS, Jim Baum earned the admiration of all who knew him  
5 with his exceptional warmth and humility, and he leaves behind a  
6 record of good works that will resonate in the Colorado City  
7 community for years to come; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas  
9 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Mayor Jim Baum and  
10 extend sincere condolences to all who mourn his passing; and, be it  
11 further

12 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
13 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
14 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Mayor Jim  
15 Baum.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 203 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on March 6, 2019.

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Chief Clerk of the House