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H.R. No. 298

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The city of Belton lost an esteemed community leader
2 with the passing of former mayor Ira James Covington on December 20,
3 2018, at the age of 74; and

4 WHEREAS, Jim Covington was born to Ira and Hazel Covington on
5 December 12, 1944, in Wynnewood, Oklahoma; he embarked on a
6 successful career in banking and later went into property
7 management with Covington Rentals; and

8 WHEREAS, This dedicated public servant gave back to his
9 fellow residents as a member of the Belton City Council, and he went
10 on to hold the office of mayor from 2006 to 2014; during his tenure,
11 he helped create a strategic plan to address the area's rapid
12 growth, and under his leadership, the city launched the Nolan Creek
13 improvement project and began work on the Martin Luther King Jr.
14 Avenue bridge, which opened in 2016; and

15 WHEREAS, Mr. Covington further contributed to his community
16 through his involvement with the parks board, the Belton Area
17 Chamber of Commerce, and the C.A.R.E. Leadership Network, which he
18 helped found; moreover, he was a valued congregant of First Baptist
19 Belton, where he was a trustee, deacon, and Sunday school teacher;
20 in recognition of his many accomplishments, he was named an
21 honorary alumnus of the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor; and

22 WHEREAS, Mr. Covington enjoyed a rewarding marriage with his
23 wife, Terri, and he took great pride in his two sons, Barrett and
24 Dave, and three grandchildren; and

1 WHEREAS, Although Jim Covington's death has brought great
2 sorrow to those who loved him, his life was an inspiring example of
3 the good that one person can accomplish; now, therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas
5 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of former Belton mayor
6 Ira James "Jim" Covington and extend sincere condolences to all who
7 mourn his passing; and, be it further

8 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
9 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
10 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Jim
11 Covington.