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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, James W. Arnold, a valued member of the Tyler  
2 community and a friend to many, passed away on January 19, 2019, at  
3 the age of 87; and

4           WHEREAS, The son of Loys and Clara Woolf Arnold, Jim Arnold  
5 was born in Arp on February 8, 1931, and he grew up with the  
6 companionship of two brothers, Paul and Richard; he attended London  
7 High School, graduating as valedictorian of his class and serving  
8 as captain of the football team, and he went on to earn a bachelor's  
9 degree in mechanical engineering from Southern Methodist  
10 University, where he was a member of the Sigma Tau national  
11 engineering honor society; and

12           WHEREAS, On July 19, 1952, Mr. Arnold was joined in matrimony  
13 to his high school sweetheart, the former Bessie Nell Hazzard, and  
14 the couple shared a rewarding marriage that spanned more than 66  
15 years; he was the proud father of four children, Sherry, Keith,  
16 Jamie, and Mollie, and he had the pleasure of seeing his family grow  
17 to include 13 grandchildren, Ben, Walter, James, Stephen, Jonathan,  
18 John, Jimmy, Will, A.D., Melissa, Nellie, Bessie, and Lilly, as  
19 well as eight great-grandchildren; and

20           WHEREAS, Mr. Arnold embarked on a successful career with  
21 Woolf & Magee, Inc., as a drilling engineer; he rose to the position  
22 of president and owned the company until he sold it in 1991; a  
23 leader in his profession, he was elected president of the  
24 International Association of Drilling Contractors board of

1 directors, and he served on the boards of the American Petroleum  
2 Institute and the National Petroleum Council; and

3 WHEREAS, A resident of Tyler for more than 66 years,  
4 Mr. Arnold was a founding director of Heritage National Bank, and  
5 he served as president of the board of directors for the Tyler Area  
6 Chamber of Commerce; additionally, he was president of the Texas  
7 Rose Festival Association and the Order of the Rose, and he was  
8 highly involved in a number of community organizations, including  
9 the Tyler Junior College Foundation, The University of Texas Health  
10 Center at Tyler Development Board, and the Stewart Regional Blood  
11 Center; and

12 WHEREAS, Sustained by a deep and abiding faith, Mr. Arnold  
13 was a longtime member of Green Acres Baptist Church, where he served  
14 as deacon emeritus; in his leisure time, he delighted in deer  
15 hunting and watching his son and grandsons play football; and

16 WHEREAS, Jim Arnold lived a life that was rich in personal and  
17 professional achievements, and he will forever be a source of  
18 inspiration to those he leaves behind; now, therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas  
20 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of James W. Arnold and  
21 extend heartfelt sympathy to his family and friends; and, be it  
22 further

23 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
24 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
25 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of James W.  
26 Arnold.