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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Family and friends are mourning the loss of Philip  
2 Wayne James of Arlington, who passed away on February 2, 2019, at  
3 the age of 84; and

4           WHEREAS, Wayne James was born on September 11, 1934, to  
5 Dalton L. James and Minnie Caldwell James; his family initially  
6 resided in Dallas County before moving to Lubbock when he was nine  
7 years old; he completed his college studies at Texas Tech  
8 University, earning bachelor's and master's degrees; and

9           WHEREAS, In 1968, Mr. James had the good fortune to meet  
10 Peggy Welling, and they spent a memorable first date at the State  
11 Fair of Texas; the couple exchanged vows in 1971 and shared a  
12 rewarding marriage that spanned nearly five decades; and

13           WHEREAS, Shortly after receiving his undergraduate degree,  
14 Mr. James embarked on his career in association management by  
15 becoming the executive director of the Texas Tech Ex-Students  
16 Association and its affiliate groups, a position he held for 21  
17 years; he relocated to Arlington in 1978 and began focusing on trade  
18 organizations related to such businesses as farm equipment sales  
19 and meat packing; in 1985, he became executive director of the Texas  
20 Lathing and Plastering Contractors Association, and he later took  
21 on related duties for the National Association of Manufacturers; he  
22 retired from full-time employment in 2006 but continued to be  
23 active on a part-time basis for another six years; and

24           WHEREAS, Mr. James garnered a number of important honors in

1 the course of his career, including the Texas Distinguished  
2 Executive Award, the Construction Industry Lifetime Leadership  
3 Award, and the Texas Tech University Alumni Association  
4 Distinguished Executive Award; and

5 WHEREAS, An active member of his community, Mr. James served  
6 on the boards of the Arlington Public Library and its foundation and  
7 on several committees; in his leisure time, he enjoyed researching  
8 his family's genealogy and taking classes in the Tarrant County  
9 College Senior Education Program; and

10 WHEREAS, Wayne James lived a life that was rich in personal  
11 and professional achievements, and he will forever be a source of  
12 inspiration to those he leaves behind; now, therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas  
14 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Philip Wayne James  
15 and extend heartfelt sympathy to his family and many friends; and,  
16 be it further

17 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
18 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
19 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Wayne  
20 James.