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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, James Augusta Farrar of Houston passed away on March
2 19, 2017, at the age of 80, leaving behind a legacy that will be
3 forever cherished by all those who held him dear; and

4 WHEREAS, Born on January 1, 1937, James Farrar was the son of
5 Dan Hill Farrar and Jesse May Hicks Farrar; he moved with his
6 parents and his younger brother, Dan, from the community of Ten
7 Mile, located near Madisonville, to Houston, and grew up in the
8 city's East End; a graduate of Reagan High School, he went on to
9 study architecture at The University of Texas at Austin; and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. Farrar began his architectural career as a
11 draftsman, and after completing an apprenticeship, he worked for
12 Irving R. Klein & Associates, Neuhaus & Taylor, 3D Architects
13 International, Lloyd Jones Brewer and Associates, and Hermes Reed
14 Architects, before operating an independent firm with his youngest
15 daughter; he designed and supervised the construction of several
16 signature buildings in Houston and across the nation, and he
17 managed projects that involved million-dollar budgets and hundreds
18 of personnel; along the way, he was generous in serving as a mentor
19 to younger architects, and he achieved emeritus status with the
20 American Institute of Architects; and

21 WHEREAS, In all his endeavors, Mr. Farrar enjoyed the love
22 and support of his wife, Yolanda, with whom he shared 51 years, and
23 the love and adoration of his five children, James, Gabriela,
24 Kimber Leigh, Jessica, and John; nine grandchildren, Alexander,

1 Mandy, Tammie, James, Christopher, Robert, Abigail, Wyatt, and
2 Avery; and five great-grandchildren, Daniel, Jasmine, Chloe,
3 Marley, and Colton; and

4 WHEREAS, A lifelong learner who pursued many hobbies and
5 interests, Mr. Farrar had a passion for hunting, fishing, and other
6 outdoor activities, and he was also a gun collector and an expert
7 marksman; in addition, he was a skilled photographer, and he was
8 fond of traveling, building and repairing computers, and riding his
9 motorcycle, a habit he continued into his 70s; and

10 WHEREAS, Over the course of eight decades of life well lived,
11 James Farrar distinguished himself as a talented architect, a
12 devoted husband and father, and a true Renaissance man, and his
13 achievements remain an inspiration to all who were privileged to
14 know him; now, therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas
16 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of James Augusta
17 Farrar and extend sincere sympathy to his relatives and friends;
18 and, be it further

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