H.R. No. 91

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, The life of a celebrated businessman, philanthropist, and sailing enthusiast drew to a close with the passing of James Edward Robert Chilton III of West Palm Beach, Florida, on September 26, 2021, at the age of 88; and

WHEREAS, A native Texan, Bob Chilton was born on December 31, 1932, and during his youth, he spent many hours swimming at the Dallas YMCA and learning to sail on inland lakes; a longtime resident of Rockwall, his dynamism and competitive spirit led to his success in the business world, and he rose to become the chair and CEO of the Chilton Corporation, a leading consumer credit rating agency; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Chilton's interest in sailing extended throughout his life, and he raced in North American and world championship competitions in several different classes of boats; he was a founding member of the Rush Creek Yacht Club in 1969, and he was one of the oldest participants in the Lightning World Championships held on Lake Ray Hubbard in 1979, when he was 46 years old; in 1990, he and two friends crossed the Atlantic Ocean from the Canary Islands to the West Indies in 13 days in his 100-foot yacht, *Royal Eagle II*, narrowly missing the record time for the voyage; and

WHEREAS, Renowned for his generosity, Mr. Chilton was a strong supporter of the YMCA; in 2012, he donated $2.5 million to the YMCA of Metropolitan Dallas, the second-largest donation in the organization's history; moreover, his contributions benefited the White Rock YMCA and the Rockwall YMCA, which named a facility in his honor; and

WHEREAS, An award-winning photographer, Mr. Chilton published a volume of his work entitled *The Lightness of Darkness*; another interest was croquet, and he won a number of masters singles and doubles championships and was inducted into the United States Croquet Hall of Fame in addition to serving as president of the Croquet Foundation of America; and

WHEREAS, In all his endeavors, Mr. Chilton enjoyed the love and support of his wife, Missy, his son, Bill, and his granddaughter, Jaclyn; and

WHEREAS, A true Renaissance man, Bob Chilton lived a full and generous life, pursuing his passions and contributing to his community with equal commitment, and he leaves behind a legacy that will be a continuing source of inspiration; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the memory of James Edward Robert Chilton III and extend heartfelt sympathy to all who mourn his passing; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Bob Chilton.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 91 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on October 14, 2021.

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Chief Clerk of the House