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R E S O L U T I O N

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

5           WHEREAS, A native Texan, Bob Chilton was born on December 31,  
6 1932, and during his youth, he spent many hours swimming at the  
7 Dallas YMCA and learning to sail on inland lakes; a longtime  
8 resident of Rockwall, his dynamism and competitive spirit led to  
9 his success in the business world, and he rose to become the chair  
10 and CEO of the Chilton Corporation, a leading consumer credit  
11 rating agency; and

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

21           WHEREAS, Renowned for his generosity, Mr. Chilton was a  
22 strong supporter of the YMCA; in 2012, he donated \$2.5 million to  
23 the YMCA of Metropolitan Dallas, the second-largest donation in the  
24 organization's history; moreover, his contributions benefited the

1 White Rock YMCA and the Rockwall YMCA, which named a facility in his  
2 honor; and

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

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

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

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

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