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R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, Family and friends will forever treasure their memories of James F. Wood of Decatur, who died on April 22, 2020, at the age of 82; and

WHEREAS, James Wood was born in Bridgeport to Frank and Lela Wood on November 4, 1937; after graduating from Decatur High School, he served in the U.S. military and then worked briefly for Bell Helicopter in Hurst; and

WHEREAS, Early in his career, Mr. Wood joined the staff of a car dealership, and he went on to become one of the most successful car dealers in the state; after managing Cocanougher Ford in Bridgeport, he ran Tanwood Motor Sales in Decatur with his wife for 10 years; he then established his own business, James Wood Motors, which was the largest GMC truck dealer in Texas for a decade; today, his family owns GM and Hyundai dealerships in Decatur, a GM dealership in Denton, and several used car dealerships across North Texas; he was a member of the GM Presidents Dealer Advisory Council; and

WHEREAS, A leader in his community, Mr. Wood served on the board of directors of the Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo, played a vital role in the establishment of the Champions and Blue Ribbon Club of the Wise County Youth Fair, and served on the board of the Wise Health System; he was named Decatur's Citizen of the Year in 1989, and he was a longtime member of Victory Family Church; and

WHEREAS, In all his endeavors, Mr. Wood enjoyed the love and support of his wife, the former Shirley Dale Stanley, with whom he shared 60 years; he took great pride in his three children, Raymond, Janetta, and the late Josh Wood, his five grandchildren, Alex, Hannah, Nicki, Natalie, and Franklin, and his 10 great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, An engaged citizen, a devoted family man, and a successful entrepreneur, James Wood lived a full and generous life, and he leaves behind a legacy that will continue to inspire all those who knew and loved him; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of James F. Wood and extend sincere condolences to the members of his family and to his many friends; 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 James F. Wood.