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R E S O L U T I O N

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

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

8 WHEREAS, Early in his career, Mr. Wood joined the staff of a
9 car dealership, and he went on to become one of the most successful
10 car dealers in the state; after managing Cocanougher Ford in
11 Bridgeport, he ran Tanwood Motor Sales in Decatur with his wife for
12 10 years; he then established his own business, James Wood Motors,
13 which was the largest GMC truck dealer in Texas for a decade; today,
14 his family owns GM and Hyundai dealerships in Decatur, a GM
15 dealership in Denton, and several used car dealerships across North
16 Texas; he was a member of the GM Presidents Dealer Advisory Council;
17 and

18 WHEREAS, A leader in his community, Mr. Wood served on the
19 board of directors of the Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo, played a
20 vital role in the establishment of the Champions and Blue Ribbon
21 Club of the Wise County Youth Fair, and served on the board of the
22 Wise Health System; he was named Decatur's Citizen of the Year in
23 1989, and he was a longtime member of Victory Family Church; and

24 WHEREAS, In all his endeavors, Mr. Wood enjoyed the love and

1 support of his wife, the former Shirley Dale Stanley, with whom he
2 shared 60 years; he took great pride in his three children, Raymond,
3 Janetta, and the late Josh Wood, his five grandchildren, Alex,
4 Hannah, Nicki, Natalie, and Franklin, and his 10
5 great-grandchildren; and

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

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

14 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
15 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
16 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of James F.
17 Wood.