1 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, A rich and purposeful life drew to a close with the

passing of James J. Hartnett Sr. on May 29, 2020, at the age of 90;

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5 WHEREAS, The son of Tom and Florence Hartnett, Jim Hartnett

6 was born in Sioux City, Iowa, in 1929, and he grew up in Jackson,

7 Nebraska, with the companionship of 10 siblings; he joined the U.S.

8 Air Force during the Korean War, and he served in South Korea as

9 part of the 5th Communications Squadron Command; in 1957, he

10 graduated from The University of Texas at Austin with a bachelor's

11 degree in business, and he earned his juris doctor degree from UT

12 two years later; and

WHEREAS, Blessed with a devoted family, Mr. Hartnett shared a

rewarding marriage of 64 years with his wife, Emily, and he took

15 great pride in his seven children, Will, Jim, Ellen, Jay, Fred,

16 Melinda, and the late Robert Hartnett; with the passing years, he

17 had the pleasure of seeing his family grow to include 21

18 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren; and

19 WHEREAS, Mr. Hartnett enjoyed a distinguished career as a

20 trial and probate attorney in Dallas; he was an associate and later

21 a partner with Turner, Hitchins, McInerney, Webb & Hartnett and in

22 1982, he opened The Hartnett Law Firm with two of his sons;

23 specializing in probate litigation, the boutique firm eventually

24 grew to employ nine members of his family; Mr. Hartnett was a member

- 1 of the Dallas Bar Association and the State Bar of Texas and a
- 2 Fellow of The American College of Trust and Estate Counsel and the
- 3 Texas Bar Foundation; among his many accolades, he was recognized
- 4 as a "Super Lawyer" by Thomson Reuters in 2004, and he received a
- 5 lifetime achievement award from the Dallas Bar Association Probate
- 6 Section in 2009; and
- 7 WHEREAS, When he was not practicing law, Mr. Hartnett could
- 8 often be found at Hartnett Farms, a farming operation he
- 9 established in 1970; a man of deep faith, he participated in
- 10 numerous religious organizations, including the St. Bernard Parish
- 11 CCD, the Cistercian Preparatory School, and The Catholic
- 12 Foundation; in addition, he was a Knight of the Order of Malta; and
- WHEREAS, Jim Hartnett possessed a generosity of spirit that
- 14 expressed itself in myriad ways, and those he leaves behind will
- 15 forever cherish their memories of this kind and caring man; now,
- 16 therefore, be it
- 17 RESOLVED, That the 87th Legislature of the State of Texas
- 18 hereby pay tribute to the life of James J. Hartnett Sr. and extend
- 19 sincere sympathy to his loved ones; 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 and Senate adjourn this day, they do so in memory of
- 23 Jim Hartnett.

President of the Senate	Speaker of the House
I hereby certify that S.C.R	. No. 33 was adopted by the Senate
on April 26, 2021, by a rising vot	e.
	Secretary of the Senate
I hereby certify that S.C.F	R. No. 33 was adopted by the House
on May 8, 2021, by a rising vote.	
	Chief Clerk of the House
Approved:	
Date	
Governor	