SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 360

In Memory of James B. Prewitt

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas honors and commemorates the life of James B. "Jim" Prewitt, who died April 10, 2021, at the age of 80; and

WHEREAS, Jim Prewitt was born on November 13, 1940, and he was raised on the family farm near Kirbyville; he lost his arm at a young age in a farming accident, which was a traumatic experience that ultimately helped reinforce his resilient spirit and never deterred him from hard work; he went on to develop a lifelong love and appreciation for agriculture and to pursue the field for his profession; and

WHEREAS, Jim attended Sam Houston State University, where he met the woman who would be his partner in life, love, and business, Paula Biggs; they shared 58 years of marriage and were blessed with three daughters, and they cherished time spent with their children and grandchildren at the family retreat on the Sabine River; and

WHEREAS, Jim developed a lifelong interest in policy and politics during his tenure as a congressional intern in Washington, D.C.; he returned to Texas and established Landmark Nurseries, Incorporated, and under his guidance as chief executive officer, the company evolved into one of the largest wholesale nursery distributors in the southern United States; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Prewitt gave extensively of his time and funds to charitable, civic, and professional organizations, and he was an ardent supporter of several Texas livestock shows and rodeos; his philanthropy extended to Texas universities, and his boundless generosity enriched the lives of thousands of children in FFA and 4-H programs; he received numerous honors in the course of his life for his many professional, civic, and charitable contributions; he was the recipient of the Texas Agricultural Lifetime Leadership's Lifetime Achievement Award; and

WHEREAS, Jim Prewitt was known for his golden touch in business, bass fishing, and storytelling; he was a highly esteemed member of the community, and he leaves behind memories that will long be cherished by all who were privileged to share in his life; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 87th Legislature, hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family of James B. Prewitt; and, be it further

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RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for his family as an expression of deepest sympathy from the Texas Senate and that when the Senate adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Jim Prewitt.

Nelson, Hughes, Nichols

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 5, 2021, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate

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