

By: Sparks

S.C.R. No. 5

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The passing of James Ratliff Hurt Jr. of Odessa on
2 October 4, 2022, at the age of 68, brought an immeasurable loss to
3 his family and friends; and

4 WHEREAS, Born on the family ranch in Odessa on November 4,
5 1953, Jay Hurt was the son of James R. "Buzz" Hurt Sr. and Freddie
6 Jean Wheeler and the stepson of Betsy Triplett Hurt; he attended
7 Austin Elementary School and Crockett Junior High, where he met his
8 future wife, the former Vickie Carol Thomas; they married in 1973,
9 and the Hurt and Thomas families grew very close; eventually, the
10 devoted couple became the proud parents of three daughters, Amy,
11 Angie, and Jaymie, and they were blessed with three grandchildren,
12 Sophia, Trey, and Helen; Buzz Hurt passed away in 2023; and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. Hurt found great satisfaction in ranching, and
14 he epitomized the cowboy ideal through his diligence, courtesy, and
15 neighborliness; while working cattle across West Texas and New
16 Mexico, he made a concerted effort to pay his respects to the
17 ranchers who came before him; he was optimistic and resilient in the
18 face of life's challenges; and

19 WHEREAS, An expert rider, Mr. Hurt was active in the National
20 Cutting Horse Association, and he and his wife spent many years
21 showing horses and developing friendships with other members of the
22 organization; he shared his love of horses with his granddaughters
23 and dedicated countless hours to supporting them in the
24 hunter/jumper arena; always encouraging and ready to help and

1 participate, he built bonfires, drove hayrides, created homecoming
2 floats, and danced on the football field; and

3 WHEREAS, Jay Hurt is deeply missed by those he left behind,
4 but they will forever treasure their memories of his kind and gentle
5 ways; now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the 88th Legislature of the State of Texas,
7 4th Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the life of James Ratliff
8 "Jay" Hurt Jr. and extend sincere condolences to the members of his
9 family: to his wife of 49 years, Vickie Carol Thomas Hurt; to his
10 surviving parents, Freddie Jean Wheeler and Betsy Triplett Hurt; to
11 his siblings, Mary Helen Johnson, Joe Hurt and his wife, Sherry,
12 Sally Bolton and her husband, Toya, and Benny Thomas and his wife,
13 Susan; to his daughters, Amy Hurt, Angie Hurt King and her husband,
14 Cliff, and Jaymie Hurt; to his grandchildren, Sophia Robertson and
15 her husband, Braden, Trey King, and Helen Pasternak; and to his host
16 of other relatives and friends; and, be it further

17 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
18 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
19 Representatives and Senate adjourn this day, they do so in memory of
20 James Ratliff "Jay" Hurt Jr.