

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Family and friends are mourning the loss of Jack
2 R. Wade, a longtime Killeen-area business leader, who passed away
3 on August 19, 2025, at the age of 82; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in Webb City, Missouri, on January 31, 1943,
5 Jack Wade was the son of Kenneth and Bessie Wade; he grew up with
6 three sisters, Sue, Donna, and Kezia; after graduating from Miami
7 Edison Senior High School in Florida and North Texas State
8 University, he joined the U.S. Army; he flew helicopters and served
9 in both the Vietnam War and Operation Desert Storm; among other
10 decorations, he received the Distinguished Flying Cross and a
11 Meritorious Service Medal; he retired in 1991 at the rank of chief
12 warrant officer 4; and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. Wade began the next chapter of his life by
14 earning a bachelor's degree in accounting from the University of
15 Central Texas; he went on to work with the chambers of commerce in
16 Harker Heights and Copperas Cove before serving as executive vice
17 president of the Greater Killeen Chamber of Commerce from 1996
18 until his retirement in 2014; in addition to overseeing events and
19 providing assistance to local entrepreneurs, he was involved in
20 efforts to expand retail along Interstate 14, and he was
21 instrumental in developing the chamber's Military Relations
22 Council; he was also a member of the noon Rotary and served on
23 several city committees; and

24 WHEREAS, A devoted family man, Mr. Wade shared a fulfilling

1 relationship of nearly five decades with his wife, the former Carol
2 Henderson Bell; they became the parents of four children, Susan,
3 Blake, Kenneth, and Christina, and through the years, the family
4 grew to include 15 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren;
5 Mr. Wade was an active member of First Baptist Church of Killeen,
6 where he sang in the choir and served on committees; after he and
7 his wife moved to College Station, near two of their children, he
8 joined the congregation at First Baptist Bryan; and

9 WHEREAS, Jack Wade was admired by all for his dedication to
10 his family, his community, and his country, and he will forever be a
11 source of inspiration to those he left behind; now, therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 89th Texas
13 Legislature, 2nd Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the life of
14 Jack R. Wade and extend sincere sympathy to the members of his
15 family: to his wife, Carol Wade; to his children, Susan Buckley and
16 her husband Brad, Blake Bell and his wife, Dawn, Kenneth Wade and
17 his wife, Laura, and Christina Wade Rich and her husband, Nathan; to
18 his grandchildren, Emily, Erin, Bo, Lindsey, Logan, Brady, Tiffany,
19 Brittany, Tyler, Mary Kathryn, Chad, William, Wesley, Nolan, and
20 Lauren; to his great-grandchildren; and to his other relatives and
21 many friends; and, be it further

22 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
23 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
24 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Jack Wade.

Buckley

H.R. No. 100

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 100 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on September 2, 2025.

Chief Clerk of the House