

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Honorable James Earl Carter Jr., the 39th
2 president of the United States and a greatly admired humanitarian,
3 passed away on December 29, 2024, at the age of 100; and

4 WHEREAS, Jimmy Carter was born in Plains, Georgia, on
5 October 1, 1924, to James Earl and Lillian Carter; he entered the
6 U.S. Naval Academy during the Second World War and graduated in
7 1946, a year after the war's close; he went on to become a U.S. Navy
8 lieutenant, serving as a nuclear engineer and submariner; and

9 WHEREAS, The young navy midshipman met and fell in love with
10 Rosalynn Smith, a friend of his younger sister, and married her just
11 weeks after his graduation from the academy and commission into the
12 U.S. Navy; following his father's death, he took over the family
13 peanut farm back in Georgia and began making a name for himself
14 speaking out in favor of Black voting rights and racial
15 integration; at the age of 39, he was elected to the Georgia State
16 Senate, where he served for four years; and

17 WHEREAS, State Senator Carter first ran for governor of
18 Georgia in 1966, and he found success in his second bid for that
19 office in 1970; in his inaugural speech as the state's 76th
20 governor, he powerfully asserted that "the time for racial
21 discrimination is over"; as governor, his leadership in efficiency,
22 racial justice, and progressive reforms set him up as a national
23 figure who would launch a run for president of the United States in
24 1976; and

1 WHEREAS, Governor Carter was elected as the 39th president of
2 the United States, and he earned the distinction of being the most
3 recent Democrat to win the State of Texas in a presidential contest;
4 his presidency was dedicated to humanitarian advancement at home
5 and around the world, and he began his term by pardoning
6 approximately 10,000 Vietnam War draft evaders; he also established
7 the Departments of Energy and Education and expanded domestic
8 environmental conservation efforts, and his administration was
9 instrumental in promoting diplomacy abroad; he brokered a peace
10 agreement between Egypt and Israel with the Camp David Accords, put
11 pressure on oppressive regimes by leveraging economic and military
12 aid, and helped secure the release of 52 U.S. citizens during the
13 Iran Hostage Crisis; and

14 WHEREAS, President Carter left office in 1981, but he did not
15 withdraw from public service; he established the Carter Center
16 alongside his wife with the purpose to promote human rights,
17 democracy, and public health, and the center's many accomplishments
18 included negotiating a peace agreement during the Sudan Civil War
19 and diplomatically easing U.S. tensions with North Korea as well as
20 between Eritrea and Ethiopia; the center has also played a crucial
21 role in monitoring and ensuring fair elections in more than 40
22 countries, and it helped to build thousands of homes in
23 collaboration with Habitat for Humanity; in addition, the Carter
24 Center has demonstrated a steadfast commitment to disease
25 prevention, specifically empowering initiatives to combat malaria
26 and mental health crises, and it has supported efforts to eradicate
27 Guinea worm, which, at its height, affected an estimated 3.5

1 million people in 20 countries; and

2 WHEREAS, Former President Carter and his wife, Rosalynn,
3 celebrated 77 years of marriage before her passing on
4 November 19, 2023; they are survived by their four children and
5 many grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and

6 WHEREAS, Jimmy Carter devoted his life to public service and
7 humanitarianism, and he leaves behind a legacy that will continue
8 to inspire generations of Americans for years to come; now,
9 therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 89th Texas
11 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of the Honorable James
12 Earl Carter Jr., 39th president of the United States, and express
13 deep appreciation for his many years of dedicated public service;
14 and, be it further

15 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
16 prepared for the Carter Center and the Jimmy Carter Presidential
17 Library and Museum.

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H.R. No. 598

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 598 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on March 31, 2025.

Chief Clerk of the House