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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Residents of Brownwood lost a greatly admired civic
2 leader with the passing of former mayor Bert V. Massey II on
3 November 13, 2024, at the age of 81; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in Brownwood on October 3, 1943, Bert Massey II
5 was the son of Bert and Audree Massey; following his graduation from
6 Brownwood High School in 1961, he went on to receive bachelor's and
7 juris doctor degrees from The University of Texas at Austin; he then
8 found employment with the Veterans Land Board and the Brown County
9 Abstract Company before becoming a partner in the law firm of
10 Massey, Shaw & West, with a concentration on real estate and probate
11 law; his career further included work as president of the Brown
12 County Abstract Company and as general counsel to the Independent
13 Title Agents of Texas; and

14 WHEREAS, Deeply committed to his community, Mr. Massey
15 served on the Brownwood City Council from 1978 to 1984 and as mayor
16 from 1984 to 2010; his 32-year tenure represented the longest
17 continuous municipal service of any city official, and his time in
18 public office coincided with the successful completion of numerous
19 capital improvement projects; under his leadership, the city also
20 implemented its 2003 Downtown Master Plan, and he oversaw the
21 passage of an economic development sales tax that resulted in the
22 city attracting several major employers; he also played a pivotal
23 role in securing upgrades to the Brown County Water Improvement
24 District treatment plant, and he later joined its board in 2021; and

1 WHEREAS, Over the course of his years of public service,
2 Mayor Massey held other prominent titles as a board member for the
3 Texas Municipal League, as president of the Texas Land Title
4 Association, and as president of the Brownwood Area Chamber of
5 Commerce, which recognized him with its Lifetime of Service Award
6 in 2010; he was involved in TLTA in many capacities, and his
7 accolades from the organization included being named an honorary
8 life member and its Title Man of the Year in 1984; and

9 WHEREAS, In all his endeavors, Mayor Massey was blessed with
10 the love and support of his wife of 55 years, Melinda Massey, and he
11 was the proud father of their children, Sarah, Rachel, and Bert; he
12 was also devoted to their grandchildren, Cora, Liam, Rory, Sammy,
13 and Nate; a man of devout faith, he was a longtime active member of
14 First Baptist Church Brownwood; and

15 WHEREAS, Bert Massey dedicated himself wholeheartedly to
16 making Brownwood a better place to live for his fellow citizens, and
17 he leaves behind a legacy of good works that will long be
18 remembered; now, therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, That the Senate of the 89th Texas Legislature
20 hereby pay tribute to the memory of Bert V. Massey II and extend
21 deepest sympathy to his family and 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 Senate adjourns this
24 day, it do so in memory of Bert Massey.