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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The life of an esteemed Texan drew to a close with  
2 the passing of James Alan Haynes of Tyler on June 22, 2024; and

3 WHEREAS, Alan Haynes was born to Edith and J. Sidney Haynes on  
4 October 23, 1939, and he grew up with the companionship of his  
5 brother, Noble, and sister, Meredith; after graduating from Tyler  
6 High School and Tyler Junior College, he received a bachelor's  
7 degree from The University of Texas at Austin; later, he earned a  
8 master's degree from Texas A&M University-Commerce and taught at  
9 TJC; in 1973, he opened The Sportster, Inc., a retail sporting goods  
10 store, and the National Association of Sporting Goods Dealers  
11 honored the business with its leadership award for independent  
12 retailers in 1978; over the years, he was involved in a number of  
13 state and national political campaigns, and he served as the  
14 district coordinator for state senator David Cain from 1997 to  
15 2003; and

16 WHEREAS, A consummate outdoorsman, Mr. Haynes traveled the  
17 world hunting and fishing; he was a tireless advocate for hunter  
18 education and the conservation of the state's natural resources,  
19 giving generously of his time and expertise to organizations such  
20 as the Texas Kids Fish program, ShareLunker Foundation, Texas Parks  
21 and Wildlife Inland Fisheries Advisory Board, and East Texas Woods  
22 and Waters Foundation; he helped establish the Old Sabine Bottom  
23 Texas Parks and Wildlife Management Area and Mineola Nature  
24 Preserve on the Sabine River, and his extensive efforts included

1 directing the National Wild Turkey Federation and advocating for  
2 the first state legislation on hunter safety and the spring turkey  
3 season; he was inducted into the Texas Freshwater Fishing Hall of  
4 Fame in 2019; and

5 WHEREAS, Devoted to his family, Mr. Haynes shared four  
6 decades of marriage with his wife, Sandra, and he also cherished his  
7 two daughters, Kim and Sherrie, three grandchildren, Blake, Haley,  
8 and Breanna, and four great-grandchildren, Bruin, Cannon, Briar,  
9 and Gatlin; a man of faith, he was a valued congregant of Green  
10 Acres Baptist Church; and

11 WHEREAS, While the death of Alan Haynes brings great sadness  
12 to his loved ones, he leaves behind a legacy of good works that will  
13 long be remembered; now, therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, That the Senate of the 89th Texas Legislature  
15 hereby pay tribute to the life of James Alan Haynes and extend  
16 heartfelt sympathy to the members of his family and to his many  
17 friends; and, be it further

18 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
19 prepared for his family and that when the Texas Senate adjourns this  
20 day, it do so in memory of Alan Haynes.