

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 701

In Memory
of
James Hanlon

WHEREAS, Family and friends will forever cherish their memories of James Edward Hanlon of Tyler, who passed away on April 4, 2025, at the age of 91; and

WHEREAS, The son of Leroy and Helen Hanlon, Jim Hanlon was born in Brooklyn, New York, on June 30, 1933, and he grew up with the companionship of his brother, John; after graduating from high school, he worked for the Guaranty Trust Company of Manhattan, New York, before attending St. John's University; while there, he answered his nation's call to duty and served as a military policeman during the Korean War; he subsequently returned to St. John's and completed his degree; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hanlon embarked on a career in business with the Columbia Broadcast System, and he held a position with WBBM Radio in Chicago for several years; in 1967, he assumed a new role as controller of the New York Yankees Baseball Club, and he went on to serve as vice president of Viacom Inc. and as president of Suffolk Cablevision before accepting an offer from Buford Cable Television in Tyler to operate and expand the company's cable television nationwide operations; in 1981, he created his own cable television company, MCT Cablevision Inc., and after it was sold to Northland Cable Television, he served as regional vice president of its Texas locations; he later opened a Berkshire Hathaway real estate franchise in Tyler as a broker before his retirement; and

WHEREAS, In all his endeavors, Mr. Hanlon benefited from the love and support of his wife, Joyce, with whom he shared a

rewarding marriage that spanned 54 years until her passing; he took great pride in his children, Mark, Cathy, and Timothy, and he had the privilege of seeing his family grow to include six grandchildren, James, Ryan, Caitlin, Joseph, Emma, and Cole; in his leisure time, he enjoyed playing golf, fishing, painting, and going on family vacations; he also liked attending Texas A&M football games, and he was an avid fan of the New York Yankees and the Texas Rangers; a man of strong faith, he was an active member of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, where he served the congregation as an usher for many years; and

WHEREAS, Although Jim Hanlon is greatly missed, he has left his family and friends with many cherished memories, and he will forever hold a special place in their hearts; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 89th Legislature, hereby pay tribute to the memory of James Edward Hanlon and extend heartfelt sympathy to all who mourn his passing; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That an official copy of this Resolution be prepared for his family and that when the Texas Senate adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Jim Hanlon.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on June 1, 2025, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate