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R E S O L U T I O N

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

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

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

24 WHEREAS, In all his endeavors, Mr. Hanlon benefited from the

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

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

15 RESOLVED, That the Senate of the 89th Texas Legislature
16 hereby pay tribute to the memory of James Edward Hanlon and extend
17 heartfelt sympathy to all who mourn his passing; 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 Jim Hanlon.