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H.R. No. 1354

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A life made rich through meaningful service drew to
2 a close with the passing of John Frank Abbott of Mineola on April
3 21, 2023, at the age of 70; and

4 WHEREAS, The son of John Abbott Jr. and Anne Abbott, John
5 Abbott was born in Cleveland, Ohio, on December 8, 1952, and he grew
6 up with the companionship of two sisters, Colleen and Kim;
7 following his graduation from John H. Reagan High School in Austin,
8 he attended Southwest Texas State University, and he completed his
9 education at East Texas State University, where he earned a
10 master's degree in counseling and a doctorate in curriculum and
11 instruction; and

12 WHEREAS, In 1974, Dr. Abbott began his long and rewarding
13 career in education as a Spanish and English teacher at Mineola High
14 School; he subsequently worked as a counselor in the Alba-Golden
15 Independent School District, and in 1987, he returned to Mineola
16 ISD as curriculum director; he went on serve as the district's
17 superintendent for several years before accepting a position as
18 director of teacher certification with the Region 7 Educational
19 Service Center; along the way, he also served as a professor of
20 education at Texas College in Tyler; he was a teacher at Grand
21 Saline High School at the time of his passing; and

22 WHEREAS, Active in his community, Dr. Abbott was a longtime
23 member of the Kiwanis Club, the Wood County Child Welfare Board, and
24 the Mineola Caring and Sharing board, and in 2014, he was named

1 Humanitarian of the Year; a man of deep faith, he was a valued
2 congregant of First United Methodist Church of Mineola; and

3 WHEREAS, Above all else, Dr. Abbott was devoted to his wife,
4 Janell, with whom he shared a fulfilling marriage of nearly four and
5 a half decades; he loved cooking and traveling in his leisure hours,
6 having visited numerous countries over the years, and he was known
7 for his generosity, kindness, and joie de vivre; and

8 WHEREAS, John Abbott was a man of great compassion who
9 remained engaged in the world throughout his life and who found joy
10 and inspiration in helping others, and he will always hold a
11 treasured place in the hearts of his loved ones and the many
12 students whose lives he forever enriched; now, therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas
14 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of John Frank Abbott
15 and extend sincere condolences to all who mourn his passing; and, be
16 it further

17 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
18 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
19 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of John
20 Abbott.