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H.R. No. 52

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, For 50 years, James E. Abell of Jacksonville has  
2 been a practicing pharmacist, and this native Texan has  
3 distinguished himself among his fellow citizens through his  
4 dedication and commitment to excellence in this vital profession;  
5 and

6           WHEREAS, Born in Vernon on December 21, 1931, Mr. Abell  
7 attended Vernon High School and worked for local pharmacies while  
8 in school; he pursued his higher education at Midwestern State  
9 University for a year before transferring to The University of  
10 Texas at Austin, graduating on June 8, 1953; that summer he was  
11 employed with Wood Drug in Itasca, and the following fall he served  
12 his country fighting in the Korean War; and

13           WHEREAS, When his military service ended, Mr. Abell returned  
14 to Fort Worth and married the former Ann Figley on November 11,  
15 1955, and their union has been blessed with three children and four  
16 grandchildren; he worked at Serval Drug until 1956, when he moved to  
17 Jacksonville and took a job with Wood Pharmacy; and

18           WHEREAS, In 1968, Mr. Abell purchased Seay Pharmacy in  
19 Jacksonville, but lost the business to a fire in January 1980; after  
20 the fire, he was employed in Tyler for two years and then returned  
21 to Jacksonville and worked for Porter Pharmacy, where he continues  
22 to serve part-time; and

23           WHEREAS, Five decades of service as a pharmacist is truly an  
24 admirable achievement, and Mr. Abell continues to inspire those who

1 know him, demonstrating that one person can indeed make a positive  
2 difference in the lives of his fellow citizens; now, therefore, be  
3 it

4         RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas  
5 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby honor James E. Abell for  
6 his 50 years of service in the field of pharmacy and extend to him  
7 best wishes for the future; and, be it further

8         RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
9 prepared for Mr. Abell as an expression of high regard by the Texas  
10 House of Representatives.