

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The untimely passing of Jerry Lynn Ratcliff on May
2 5, 2003, at the age of 52, has brought a great loss to the family and
3 friends of this esteemed Alpine public servant; and

4 WHEREAS, A descendant of President John Adams, he was born in
5 Elk City, Oklahoma, and raised in El Paso and later relocated to
6 Alpine, where for 22 of his 30 years as a resident of that city he
7 held the position of Brewster County tax assessor/collector; and

8 WHEREAS, In addition to ably performing the duties of his
9 office, Mr. Ratcliff was also a champion of employee rights and
10 worked hard in support of better wages and health care benefits for
11 his coworkers; a man who always made himself available to lend a
12 helping hand to someone in need, he devoted considerable time and
13 energy to caring for sick and elderly members of the community; and

14 WHEREAS, Those who were fortunate to share the friendship of
15 this compassionate and committed gentleman will long miss his
16 presence, and his remarkable spirit will live on in the hearts of
17 the many people whose lives he touched during his time on this
18 earth; now, therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
20 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the life of
21 Jerry Lynn Ratcliff and extend sincere sympathy to the members of
22 his family: to his wife, Vivian Ratcliff; to his brother, James Earl
23 Ratcliff, and his wife, Denise; to his brother-in-law, Van Neie,
24 Jr.; to his stepsister, Bevra Williams; to his sisters-in-law,

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1 Susan Scown, Pam Johnston, and Vicky Conwell; to his nieces and
2 nephews, Alan Raine Ratcliff, Seth Scown, Justin Scown, Shay and
3 Cameron Conwell, Geno Springfield, Audrey, Melanie, and Brian Neie,
4 Lacy and Roy Watkins, Billy and Bobby Williams, and Josh
5 Whitehurst; and to his many friends throughout the community; and,
6 be it further

7 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
8 prepared for the members of his family and that when the Texas House
9 of Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Jerry
10 Lynn Ratcliff.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 161 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on July 28, 2003.

Chief Clerk of the House