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H.R. No. 105

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The passing of former Fort Bend County Judge James  
2 C. "Jim" Adolphus on July 27, 2003, at the age of 73, brought a great  
3 loss to the family and friends of this esteemed public servant, and  
4 the members of this chamber wish to honor his memory at this time;  
5 and

6           WHEREAS, Born in Birmingham, Alabama, on October 10, 1929,  
7 Judge Adolphus was attending The University of Texas at Austin at  
8 the outbreak of the Korean Conflict and opted to enlist in the U.S.  
9 Air Force in a show of solidarity with his fellow Americans; and

10           WHEREAS, This patriotic gentleman completed aviation cadet  
11 training and was commissioned shortly thereafter, thus beginning a  
12 20-plus-year career as an officer in the U.S. Air Force and the  
13 Texas State Guard; and

14           WHEREAS, On his return to Houston following a period of  
15 active duty, Judge Adolphus resumed his studies at the University  
16 of Houston; he later forged a successful career in the oil and gas  
17 business, working his way through the ranks and ultimately becoming  
18 an independent operator and investor; and

19           WHEREAS, A longtime delegate to the Harris County and Fort  
20 Bend County Republican Party conventions, Judge Adolphus  
21 maintained an abiding interest in politics throughout his life; he  
22 served three terms as a city councilman in Missouri City and 13  
23 years as Precinct 4 justice of the peace before being elected county  
24 judge in 1998; and

1           WHEREAS, Judge Adolphus was active in several military  
2 organizations, including the Sons of the Confederate Veterans, the  
3 Military Order of the Stars and Bars, and the Sons of the American  
4 Revolution; in addition, he was a member of the Sugar Land Rotary  
5 Club and a 32nd degree Mason of the Richmond Masonic Lodge; and

6           WHEREAS, Few individuals achieve as much in their lifetime as  
7 did Jim Adolphus, and although his loss is painful to the many  
8 individuals who knew and loved him, his spirit will live on through  
9 his legacy of success and his many good works and deeds; now,  
10 therefore, be it

11           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas  
12 Legislature, 2nd Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the life of  
13 Judge James C. "Jim" Adolphus and extend sincere sympathy to the  
14 members of his family; and, be it further

15           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
16 prepared for the members of his family, and that when the Texas  
17 House of Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of  
18 Judge James C. "Jim" Adolphus.