

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Joe L. Price, Trinity County district attorney, was
2 an outstanding Texan and devoted public servant whose untimely
3 passing on February 21, 2003, at the age of 58, has brought great
4 sorrow to his family, friends, colleagues, and community; and

5 WHEREAS, Born August 21, 1944, Mr. Price proudly served,
6 unopposed, as the elected district attorney of the 258th Judicial
7 District since 1977; a 1962 graduate of Trinity High School, he
8 earned degrees from Sam Houston State University in 1966 and Baylor
9 University Law School in 1969; and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. Price fought tirelessly to attain justice for
11 victims of crime and their families during his 26-year tenure as the
12 district attorney in Groveton; one of the Lone Star State's
13 longest-sitting district attorneys, he embraced the life of a
14 public servant and relentlessly pursued his goal of swift and fair
15 legal action in behalf of the citizens of Texas; and

16 WHEREAS, In the thousands of criminal prosecutions brought by
17 Mr. Price, he never lost sight of the fact that at the root of every
18 crime is a victim whose life has been permanently changed, and at
19 the heart of those heinous crimes involving loss of life is a family
20 who will never again be able to tell the victim how much that person
21 is loved; his compassionate work with families left behind,
22 including the loved ones of capital murder victim Pamela Mosely
23 Carpenter, serves as a blueprint and an inspiration for all
24 prosecutors; and

25 WHEREAS, Mr. Price was an invaluable colleague and member of

1 the Texas District and County Attorneys Association Board of
2 Directors, as well as a board member of the Kalin House Child
3 Advocacy Center and the Trinity scholarship fund, and he was an
4 active supporter of the Trinity County Fair and the young people of
5 Trinity County; in addition, Mr. Price generously shared his
6 extensive knowledge of criminal law and prosecution with his fellow
7 prosecutors and with college students; and

8 WHEREAS, Those who were privileged to know Joe Price will
9 long miss his presence, and his remarkable contributions to
10 criminal justice and the rights of crime victims in this state will
11 not soon be forgotten; now, therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
13 Legislature hereby pay special tribute to the life of Trinity
14 County district attorney Joe L. Price and extend sincere sympathy
15 to the members of his family and to his loyal staff: to his parents,
16 Dean and Johnnie Price; to his daughters and son-in-law, Aenea
17 Marburger and Jo Lin and Lance Brownlee; to his grandchildren,
18 Price Brownlee and Marshall and Jenna Marburger; to his sister and
19 brother-in-law, Judy and Bill Burton; to his nieces, Julie and
20 Ceslie; to his assistant, Deana Bell; to his investigator, Ron
21 Dunnahoe; and to his other relatives and many friends; and, be it
22 further

23 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
24 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
25 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Joe L.
26 Price.

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H.R. No. 312

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 312 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on February 24, 2003.

Chief Clerk of the House