

By: McReynolds

H.R. No. 312

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

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

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

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

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