

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The family and friends of Manly David Ballard of  
2 Abilene sustained a great loss with the passing of this beloved  
3 gentleman on March 13, 2003; and

4           WHEREAS, Born on December 23, 1916, in El Paso, Texas, Mr.  
5 Ballard earned a bachelor of science degree from Abilene Christian  
6 College and a master's of business administration from The  
7 University of Texas; he served his country with distinction during  
8 World War II in the United States Air Force; and

9           WHEREAS, Mr. Ballard returned to Abilene after his term of  
10 service was fulfilled and began a successful career as an agent for  
11 State Farm Insurance Company; Mr. Ballard was the second-longest  
12 serving agent nationally still working for State Farm at the time of  
13 his passing; and

14           WHEREAS, Deeply committed to his abiding faith and to  
15 Abilene's University Church of Christ, Mr. Ballard served his  
16 fellow brothers and sisters in Christ as an elder for 25 years and  
17 served many more years as a deacon; and

18           WHEREAS, Manly Ballard was devoted to his close-knit family,  
19 which included his wife of 58 years, Louise, and his children, Brent  
20 and David, encouraging them to devote themselves to Christian  
21 education as he did so faithfully his entire life; and

22           WHEREAS, A kind and generous man who put his great heart,  
23 wisdom, and experience in service to others, Mr. Ballard also  
24 encouraged the hearts of many with his thoughtfulness, good humor,

1 and genuine spirit, and he will be forever cherished by those who  
2 were blessed to share his love and friendship; now, therefore, be it

3         RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas  
4 Legislature hereby pay special tribute to the life of Manly David  
5 Ballard and extend sincere sympathy to the members of his family: to  
6 his wife, Louise Giles Ballard; to his first son and  
7 daughter-in-law, Brent and Cheryl Ballard; to his second son and  
8 daughter-in-law, David and Karen Ballard; to his grandchildren,  
9 Christopher, Amy, Wesley, and Gregory Ballard; and to his many  
10 other relatives and friends; and, be it further

11         RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
12 prepared for his wife and the other members of his family.

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H.R. No. 698

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 698 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on April 25, 2003.

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Chief Clerk of the House