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H.R. No. 737

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The passing of Jack Scott of Cross Plains on January  
2 5, 2003, has deeply saddened the family and many friends of this  
3 esteemed newspaperman and civic leader; and

4           WHEREAS, A native Texan, Mr. Scott was born on September 14,  
5 1909, in Baird, to George B. and Adelia Scott; his maternal  
6 grandparents, the J. B. Cutbirths, and his paternal grandparents,  
7 the F. T. Scotts, were pioneers in the Callahan County area; and

8           WHEREAS, He graduated from the West Texas Military Institute  
9 at San Antonio and Hardin-Simmons University, serving as editor of  
10 the campus newspaper; returning to Cross Plains, the aspiring  
11 newspaperman bought an interest in the *Cross Plains Review* on  
12 credit, became its editor at the age of 20, and in a decade, owned  
13 the business; and

14           WHEREAS, A soldier in the United States Army during World War  
15 II, Mr. Scott was stationed in the Philippine Islands during most of  
16 his military service, and he attained the rank of first lieutenant;  
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18           WHEREAS, Over the course of his career, he served as editor  
19 and publisher of the *Cross Plains Review* and numerous other weekly  
20 newspapers in the area; as editor of the *Review*, he earned 27  
21 statewide awards for the newspaper and 10 first-place honors for  
22 his column titled the "Hometown"; he served as a director of the  
23 West Texas Press Association and the Texas Press Association; and

24           WHEREAS, His wide-ranging interests encompassed banking, oil

1 and gas exploration, and cattle raising; this civic-minded  
2 individual was elected mayor of Cross Plains on four separate  
3 occasions and continued to play a key role in his community through  
4 organizations such as the Rotary and Kiwanis clubs, First Baptist  
5 Church, and the library board; and

6 WHEREAS, Mr. Scott and the former Juakana Westerman,  
7 nicknamed Kanie by her husband, were married in 1933 and enjoyed a  
8 warm and fulfilling relationship for 67 years until Mrs. Scott's  
9 passing in 2000; Mr. Scott campaigned in behalf of his son-in-law,  
10 Lynn Nabers, during his 14 years in the Texas Legislature, offered  
11 counsel to his daughter, Mary Scott Nabers, during her terms as a  
12 commissioner with the Texas Employment Commission and later with  
13 the Texas Railroad Commission, and happily welcomed the succeeding  
14 generations of his family; and

15 WHEREAS, The life of Jack Scott has been an immeasurable  
16 blessing to his family, his friends, and the citizens of Texas, and  
17 his spirit will continue to warm the hearts of all who knew and  
18 loved him; now, therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas  
20 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Jack Scott and extend  
21 sincere sympathy to his daughter and son-in-law, Mary Scott and  
22 Lynn Nabers; to his grandsons, Scott and Tim Nabers; to his  
23 great-grandchildren, Lauren Scott Nabers, Kailey Ann Nabers, Jack  
24 Harrison Nabers, Samuel Scott Nabers, and Rachel Elizabeth Nabers;  
25 and to all those who mourn the passing of this beloved man; and, be  
26 it further

27 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be

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1 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
2 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Jack Scott.