

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Texas House of Representatives takes great
2 pleasure in honoring James F. Armstrong for both his professional
3 and personal contributions to the Abilene community; and

4 WHEREAS, A native Texan, Mr. Armstong was born in Rising Star
5 on March 6, 1917; he graduated from Cisco High School in 1936 and
6 attended McMurry College before moving to Dallas the following
7 year; and

8 WHEREAS, He was hired as a paying and receiving teller by
9 Hillcrest State Bank, the first bank in the world to provide its
10 customers with a drive-through teller window, and as the inaugural
11 employee assigned to work at the window, he was able to personally
12 experience a turning point in the history of the banking industry;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, This esteemed gentleman joined the United States
15 Army Air Corps in 1942, and over the ensuing three years, he flew
16 more than 60 combat missions over France; for his valor, he was
17 awarded the Air Medal with 12 Oak Leaf Clusters and the
18 Distinguished Flying Cross; and

19 WHEREAS, When he returned from military service, Mr.
20 Armstrong took a position at Citizens National Bank in Abilene,
21 where he earned the respect and admiration of his coworkers for his
22 dedication and conscientious nature; he retired as the bank's
23 senior vice president in 1980, after 33 years of service; and

24 WHEREAS, Mr. Armstrong has given generously of his time and

1 talents to a host of worthy civic organizations, including the
2 Abilene Chamber of Commerce, the American Red Cross, the Abilene
3 Lions Club, and the Aldersgate United Methodist Church; and

4 WHEREAS, Through his military service, professional
5 endeavors, and civic involvement, James Armstrong has demonstrated
6 an unwavering commitment to serving others, and he is most
7 deserving of special recognition at this time; now, therefore, be
8 it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
10 Legislature hereby commend James F. Armstrong for his many
11 significant contributions to his fellow Texans and extend to him
12 sincere best wishes for continued success and happiness; and, be it
13 further

14 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
15 prepared for Mr. Armstrong as an expression of high regard from the
16 Texas House of Representatives.

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H.R. No. 1208

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1208 was adopted by the House on May 21, 2003, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House