SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 313

In Memory of William Patrick Abbott

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas joins the citizens of Kennedale in mourning the loss of William "Bill" Patrick Abbott, who died February 26, 2003, at the age of 53; and

WHEREAS, Bill Abbott was born in 1950 at Barksdale Air
Force Base in Louisiana and grew up in Abilene; he served in the
United States Army from 1971 through 1973; and

WHEREAS, He was a former mayor of Kennedale and was a computer programmer in the performing arts field; his avocation was serving his community; and

WHEREAS, Bill Abbott helped lead Kennedale from a small town to a city with its own home-rule charter; he was a member of the Planning and Zoning Commission in the mid-1980s, a city council member from 1986 to 1990, and mayor from 1992 to 1996; and

WHEREAS, He was treasurer for the Kennedale Chamber of Commerce and vice chairman of Kennedale Friends of the Library; he was Kennedale's Citizen of the Year in 1992; and

WHEREAS, A man of integrity, strength, and generosity,
Mr. Abbott gave unselfishly of his time to others, and his wisdom,
warmth, and valued counsel will not be forgotten by those who knew
him; and

WHEREAS, Bill Abbott lived his life to the fullest and was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather, and he leaves behind memories that will be treasured forever by his family and many friends; now, therefore, be it

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RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas,
78th Legislature, hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family of William Patrick Abbott: his wife, Cheryl Abbott; his children, Jaycen and Jennifer Abbott, Justen Abbott, and Barbara and Adam Wakeman; his mother, Barbara Abbott; his brothers and sisters, Walter and Tina Abbott, Greg and Tina Abbott, John and Mary Abbott, Stephen Abbott, Eric and Kim Abbott, Christina and Leonard Glasgow, Judy and Bob Bonham, and Mary and Bill Milstead; and his granddaughter, Sydney Abbott; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for his family as an expression of deepest sympathy from the Texas Senate, and that when the Senate adjourns this day, it do so in memory of William Patrick Abbott.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 6, 2003, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate