

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Robert L. Collins, Jr., of Abilene, known as "Bob"
2 by family and friends, celebrated his 50th birthday on May 31, 2005;
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4 WHEREAS, Mr. Collins was born on May 31, 1955, in Biloxi,
5 Mississippi, to Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Collins, Sr., of Valdosta,
6 Georgia; and

7 WHEREAS, Bob attended Valdosta State College where he studied
8 criminal justice, participated in the United States Air Force ROTC,
9 and most importantly, found his life mate, Renee Brown; and

10 WHEREAS, He chose to enlist in the United States Air Force
11 where he began his career in the area of personnel work but later
12 was given the opportunity to connect his college interest in
13 criminal justice to the Air Force Office of Special Investigations,
14 where as a special agent he investigated a variety of crimes ranging
15 from domestic crimes, such as rape, drug abuse, and child abuse, to
16 foreign crimes, including espionage and the black market; and

17 WHEREAS, He has traveled to many parts of the world due to his
18 service in the United States Air Force, including Ankara, Turkey;
19 Ft. Walton Beach, Florida; Plain Dealing, Louisiana; Valdosta,
20 Georgia; Biloxi, Mississippi; Wiesbaden, Germany; Riverside,
21 California; San Antonio, Texas; Abilene, Texas; and many other
22 places on temporary duty and missions to which he was assigned; and

23 WHEREAS, Mr. Collins was given several special assignments
24 throughout his investigative career of protective service for

1 various important people, including Caspar Weinberger, several
2 Ukrainian dignitaries, and the U.S. T.W.A. 843 crew members in the
3 Iranian hijacking during the mid-1980s, as well as former President
4 Ronald Reagan; and

5 WHEREAS, He retired from the United States Air Force in 1996
6 after serving his country for 21 years and decided to make his home
7 in Abilene with his wife, Renee, and their three children, Bobby,
8 Shannon, and Stacey; and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. Collins currently pastors Isaiah 58 Ministries,
10 a benevolent ministry for the working poor and homeless, and hopes
11 to expand to provide not only food but academic assistance through
12 vocational and educational training; and

13 WHEREAS, His wife and children join him in his love for his
14 country and his appreciation of life, liberty, and the pursuit of
15 happiness but most importantly for his dedication to serving the
16 Lord Almighty; now, therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
18 Legislature honor Robert L. "Bob" Collins, Jr., on the occasion of
19 his 50th birthday and extend to him best wishes on this memorable
20 day; and, be it further

21 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
22 prepared for Mr. Collins as an expression of high regard by the
23 Texas House of Representatives.

Hunter

H.R. No. 40

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 40 was adopted by the House on July 13, 2005, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House