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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Robert L. Collins, Jr. of Abilene, known as "Bob" by  
2 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, GA;  
6 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 of  
13 criminal justice to the Office of Special Investigation in the Air  
14 Force where as a special agent investigated a variety of crimes  
15 ranging from domestic crimes such as rape, drug abuse, and child  
16 abuse to foreign crimes including espionage and the black market;  
17 and

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

24           WHEREAS, Mr. Collins was given several special assignments

1 throughout his investigative career of protective service for  
2 various important people including Casper Wineberger, several  
3 Ukrainian dignitaries, the US TWA 843 crew members in the Iranian  
4 hijacking during the mid-1980's, as well as former President Ronald  
5 Reagan; and

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

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

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

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

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