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H.R. No. 204

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The certain knowledge of a life filled with many
2 joyful times and meaningful accomplishments may temper the profound
3 sadness felt by the friends and family of Martin Lipcomb Collins of
4 San Antonio at his passing on June 15, 2005, at the age of 91; and

5 WHEREAS, Born and raised in the Alamo City, Mr. Collins
6 attended St. Peter Claver High School while also working to help
7 support his mother and siblings; he earned a bachelor of science
8 degree from Prairie View A&M and went on to enlist in the Army,
9 serving his country with distinction in World War II; and

10 WHEREAS, After being honorably discharged from the military,
11 he gained employment with the U.S. Post Office and retired after
12 more than three decades of distinguished service; an opportunity
13 arose to join the staff of the San Antonio Independent School
14 District and his compassion, skill, and insight led him to become an
15 outstanding teacher; and

16 WHEREAS, Mr. Collins was known for his ability to inspire his
17 students, and his admirable work and dedication earned him the
18 title of Teacher of the Year; and

19 WHEREAS, In his spare time, he enjoyed traveling,
20 particularly on cruises, and participating in the local Ace High
21 and Golden Hearts bridge clubs; and

22 WHEREAS, A devoted husband and father, Mr. Collins shared
23 more than six decades of marriage with his beloved wife, Celie, and
24 was blessed with a large and loving family whom he treasured; he

1 also held dear his faith and was a valued member of Holy Redeemer
2 Catholic Church; and

3 WHEREAS, Martin Collins was a much-loved member of his
4 community, and he benefited countless people with his encouragement
5 and generosity; a friend to many, he is deeply missed by all those
6 who were privileged to know him; now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
8 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the life of
9 Martin Lipcomb Collins and extend sincere sympathy to the members
10 of his family: to his wife, Celie Ann Collins; to his daughters,
11 Deborah Collins Crawford and Theda Collins Redwine and her husband,
12 Robert; to his sons, Craig Martin Collins, Keith Nicholas Collins,
13 Ryan Damian Collins and his wife, Phoebe, and Basil Gerard Collins
14 and his wife, Frances; to his grandchildren and
15 great-grandchildren; to his sisters, Eleanor DeLoache Brown and
16 Ethel A. Adams; and to his other relatives and many friends; and, be
17 it further

18 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
19 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
20 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Martin
21 Lipcomb Collins.