

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The passing of former Jefferson County Precinct 2
2 Constable Anthony Joseph Ippolito of Port Arthur on February 7,
3 2005, at the age of 81, has brought a profound loss to the family and
4 friends of this beloved civic leader; and

5 WHEREAS, Born on September 23, 1923, Tony Ippolito graduated
6 from St. Mary's High School and attended Texas A&M University
7 before bravely serving his country for three years in the Pacific
8 theater of World War II; and

9 WHEREAS, Following his return to civilian life, the Port
10 Arthur native wed his high school sweetheart, Joyce Moore, with
11 whom he reared three beloved children, Madeline, John, and Maureen;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, Affectionately known as "Mr. Baseball," this
14 lifelong Aggies fan enjoyed a varied and successful career, which
15 included owning, with his brother, Joe, and friends, Ippolito's
16 Grocery, the Port Arthur Seahawks baseball team, which won the 1952
17 Gulf Coast League Championship, and the Seahawk Drive-In; he also
18 owned the Golden Cask Supper Club and worked in the automotive
19 industry for 20 years; and

20 WHEREAS, Mr. Ippolito ably served his fellow citizens as the
21 Jefferson County constable for Precinct 2 for more than two
22 decades, until his retirement in 1996; during his tenure, he was
23 active in the East Texas Peace Officers Association, the State of
24 Texas Justice of the Peace and Constable Association, and the Texas

1 Association of Counties; and

2 WHEREAS, A charter parishioner of St. Joseph's Catholic
3 Church and former president of St. Joseph's Federal Credit Union,
4 this dedicated civic leader enjoyed active memberships with the
5 Texas A&M 12th Man Foundation, the Southeast Texas American Italian
6 Cultural Club, the VFW, and the American Legion; moreover, he was a
7 charter member of the World War II Memorial in Washington, D.C., the
8 Evening Sertoma Club, and the Krewe of Aurora; and

9 WHEREAS, Those fortunate enough to have known Tony Ippolito
10 will remember his gentle and optimistic spirit, his ever-present
11 smile, and his enduring love of family and community; although he
12 will be greatly missed, his legacy will live on in his many
13 contributions to his hometown and in the cherished memories of his
14 loved ones; now, therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
16 Legislature hereby pay special tribute to the life of Anthony
17 Joseph Ippolito and extend deepest sympathy to the members of his
18 family: to his wife of 59 years, Joyce Ippolito; to his daughter,
19 Madeline Nicholas, and her husband, Bill; to his son, John
20 Ippolito, and his wife, Gay; to his daughter, Maureen Sanders, and
21 her husband, Jeff; to his grandchildren, Laura Stephens, Chris and
22 Nicole Nicholas, Scott and Jennifer Nicholas, Kristy and Chad
23 Wilson, Penny Ippolito, and Jessica, Jennifer, and Jeffrey Sanders;
24 to his great-grandchildren, Tyler Stephens, Anthony Nicholas, and
25 Karli Wilson; to his stepsisters, Virginia Moore and Roseanne
26 Brocato; to his stepbrothers, Sam and Tommy Dolce; and to his other
27 relatives and friends; and, be it further

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1 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
2 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
3 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Anthony
4 Joseph Ippolito.

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Craddick	Geren	Menendez
Allen of Harris	Giddings	Merritt
Allen of Dallas	Gonzales	Miller
Alonzo	Gonzalez Toureilles	Moreno of Harris
Anchia	Goodman	Moreno of El Paso
Anderson	Goolsby	Morrison
Bailey	Griggs	Mowery
Baxter	Grusendorf	Naishtat
Berman	Guillen	Nixon
Blake	Haggerty	Noriega
Bohac	Hamilton	Oliveira
Bonnen	Hamric	Olivo
Branch	Hardcastle	Orr
Brown of Kaufman	Harper-Brown	Otto
Brown of Brazos	Hartnett	Paxton
Burnam	Hegar	Pena
Callegari	Herrero	Phillips
Campbell	Hilderbran	Pickett
Casteel	Hill	Pitts
Castro	Hochberg	Puente
Chavez	Hodge	Quintanilla
Chisum	Homer	Raymond
Coleman	Hope	Reyna
Cook of Navarro	Hopson	Riddle
Cook of Colorado	Howard	Ritter
Corte	Hughes	Rodriguez
Crabb	Hunter	Rose
Crownover	Hupp	Seaman
Davis of Harris	Isett	Smith of Tarrant
Davis of Dallas	Jackson	Smith of Harris
Dawson	Jones of Lubbock	Smithee
Delisi	Jones of Dallas	Solis
Denny	Keel	Solomons
Deshotel	Keffer of Dallas	Strama
Driver	Keffer of Eastland	Straus
Dukes	King of Parker	Swinford
Dunnam	King of Zavala	Talton
Dutton	Kolkhorst	Taylor
Edwards	Krusee	Thompson
Eiland	Kuempel	Truitt
Eissler	Laney	Turner
Elkins	Laubenberg	Uresti
Escobar	Leibowitz	Van Arsdale
Farabee	Luna	Veasey
Farrar	Madden	Villarreal
Flores	Martinez	Vo
Flynn	Martinez Fischer	West
Frost	McCall	Wong
Gallego	McClendon	Woolley
Gattis	McReynolds	Zedler

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 283 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on February 24, 2005.

Chief Clerk of the House