

By: Ritter

H.R. No. 283

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.