

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, With the passing of attorney James Cole Abbott of  
2 McAllen on February 17, 2005, at the age of 86, area residents have  
3 lost a valued member of the community, and we join his family and  
4 friends in mourning this loss; and

5           WHEREAS, Mr. Abbott graduated from the University of Tulsa,  
6 where he earned his bachelor of arts degree, and he went on to earn  
7 his doctor of jurisprudence degree from Cumberland School of Law at  
8 Samford University in Birmingham, Alabama; he served this nation as  
9 a first lieutenant in the United States Air Corps and further  
10 distinguished himself as commander of Air and Sea Rescue in the Gulf  
11 of Mexico from 1942 to 1946; and

12           WHEREAS, A skilled attorney, Mr. Abbott was a senior partner  
13 with the law firm of Ewers and Toothaker and was associated with the  
14 law firm of Kittleman, Thomas, Ramirez, and Gonzales, PLLC;  
15 licensed to practice law before both the United States Supreme  
16 Court and the Texas Supreme Court, he was a member of the Blue Key  
17 National Honor Fraternity, the State Bar of Texas, and the American  
18 Bar Association; and

19           WHEREAS, His contributions to his fellow Texans were many and  
20 varied, and over the years he served as a special master for the  
21 United States District Court, as a United States commissioner, as  
22 the chairman of a special commission on Falcon Dam, and on many  
23 local community boards; and

24           WHEREAS, A well-rounded individual, Mr. Abbott was known for

1 his love of travel, art, literature, and golf, as well as for his  
2 affection for animals, and his wide range of interests and  
3 enthusiasm for living enriched the days of all those who were  
4 fortunate enough to know him; and

5 WHEREAS, Although his death brings great sadness, his loved  
6 ones may take comfort in the certain knowledge that his was a life  
7 well lived; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas  
9 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of James Cole Abbott and  
10 extend sincere sympathy to the members of his family: to his wife of  
11 30 years, Trudie Elmore Abbott; to his daughters, Patricia Ann  
12 Abbott, Mary Stahl Cable, and Pamela Casey Voss; to his sons, Robert  
13 Abbott Fowler and James Cole Abbott, Jr.; to his grandchildren,  
14 Casey Quintanar, Laura Kelsey, Robert Cole, Gracie and Drew Cable,  
15 Lauren Barner, Collier Jones, Arley and Chapin Fowler, and Madison  
16 and Lucas Abbott; and to his many other family members and friends;  
17 and, be it further

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

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H.R. No. 800

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 800 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on March 31, 2005.

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Chief Clerk of the House