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H.R. No. 1405

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Jesse Chambers of Austin was a friend to many in the
2 legislative community during his service with the state, and the
3 seventh anniversary of his passing marks an opportune time to
4 reflect on the life of this esteemed Texan; and

5 WHEREAS, A devoted family man, Mr. Chambers was the proud
6 father of six children, and he worked hard throughout his life to
7 provide for his family, approaching each new post he took on with
8 his characteristic diligence and dedication; and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. Chambers was a volunteer at Camp Mabry during
10 World War II and early in his career worked for Big Bear Foods,
11 Frostex, and Butternut Bakery before accepting a position with the
12 county; employed at the Travis County Courthouse for seven years,
13 he retired from that post in 1977 but rejoined the workforce in
14 December 1982, when he was hired to help prevent unauthorized
15 parking on the Capitol grounds; and

16 WHEREAS, The first African American to serve as a car guard,
17 Mr. Chambers was stationed on the south lawn of the Capitol near the
18 fireman statue during his tenure, where he not only ensured that
19 state officials would find their assigned spots open and available,
20 but also served as a goodwill ambassador for the state, greeting
21 passersby, giving directions, and brightening the days of members
22 and their staff; and

23 WHEREAS, Though Mr. Chambers died on May 12, 1998, his
24 contributions live on in the legacy of service and devotion he

1 leaves behind; now, therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
3 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Jesse Chambers on the
4 anniversary of his death; and, be it further

5 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
6 prepared for the members of his family and that when the Texas House
7 of Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Jesse
8 Chambers.