

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 happily
6 married to Annie Mae Chambers, and together they shared a rewarding
7 marriage that spanned more than 64 years; the proud father of six
8 children, he worked hard throughout his life to provide for his
9 family, approaching each new post he took on with his
10 characteristic diligence and dedication; and

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

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

1 WHEREAS, Though Mr. Chambers died on May 12, 1998, his
2 contributions live on in the legacy of service and devotion he
3 leaves behind; now, therefore, be it

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

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

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H.R. No. 1534

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1534 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on May 12, 2005.

Chief Clerk of the House