

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The passing of Joe Clifford Epps of Houston on April
2 23, 2005, at the age of 90, has brought a profoundly felt loss to the
3 family and friends of this beloved Texan; and

4 WHEREAS, Born to Joe Monroe Epps and Lonnie Riley Epps on
5 February 12, 1915, Mr. Epps was the devoted husband of Bertha Uhl
6 Epps, with whom he shared a marriage that spanned nearly seven
7 decades and was blessed with three children; and

8 WHEREAS, After attending The University of Texas, where he
9 played on the football team, Mr. Epps moved to Houston and began his
10 career as a machinist with Hughes Tool Company; for 16 years, he
11 owned and operated Houston TBA Supply and eventually retired from
12 B. F. Goodrich Company in 1984 after more than 20 years of service
13 there; and

14 WHEREAS, He gave of his time and talents to the Lutheran
15 Church and the Boy Scouts of America, which he served as a
16 scoutmaster; in addition to growing beautiful orchids, he was a
17 talented woodworker and built everything from church altars to
18 furniture for his grandchildren; and

19 WHEREAS, Affectionately known to his family as "Big Daddy,"
20 Joe Epps was a wonderful father, grandfather, and great-grandfather
21 who will be greatly missed, but his memory will live on in the
22 hearts of those whose lives he so richly blessed with his kindness
23 and love; now, therefore, be it

24 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas

1 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Joe Clifford Epps and
2 extend deepest sympathy to the members of his family: to his
3 children, Ray Epps and his wife, Dot, Jim Epps and his wife, Mickey,
4 and Gaye Mitschke and her husband, Harvey; to his 12 grandchildren
5 and 19 great-grandchildren; to his brother, Riley M. Epps and his
6 wife, Ann; to his sisters, Virginia Lee Rogers and Connie Leighton
7 and her husband, Gerald; to his brother-in-law, Bill Uhl; to his
8 sister-in-law, Clara D. Uhl; and to his other relatives and
9 friends; and, be it further

10 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
11 prepared for the members of his family and that when the Texas House
12 of Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Joe
13 Clifford Epps.

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H.R. No. 1658

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1658 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on May 25, 2005.

Chief Clerk of the House