

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 274

In Memory
of
Anthony Joseph Ippolito

WHEREAS, Anthony Joseph Ippolito, a Port Arthur native, passed away on February 7, 2005, at the age of 81, leaving behind a loving family and many friends; and

WHEREAS, Born on September 23, 1923, Tony Ippolito graduated from Saint Mary's High School and attended Texas A&M University before being called to serve as a member of the armed forces during World War II; he proudly served in the Pacific Theater with the United States Army from 1942 to 1945 and on his return became an active member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion, as well as a charter member of the World War II Memorial in Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ippolito married the love of his life, the former Joyce Moore, after his return from duty, and they were blessed with three children and a loving family that has grown to include eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, A man of many talents and interests, Mr. Ippolito owned and operated Ippolito's Grocery with his brother, Joe, until it was destroyed by fire in 1950; he was later part-owner of a Gulf Coast Baseball League franchise, the Port Arthur Seahawks, and also owned and operated the Seahawk Drive-In; he also enjoyed a 20-year career in the car business, working for Inman Chevrolet in Port Arthur and Gordon Chevrolet in Port Neches; and

WHEREAS, From 1973 to 1996, Mr. Ippolito served as Constable of Precinct 2 in Jefferson County; during those years he was an active member of the East Texas Peace Officers Association and served as president of the State of Texas Justice of the Peace and Constable Association; his sincere enthusiasm for politics led him to serve on the board of the Texas Association of Counties in Austin for nine years; and

WHEREAS, He was a charter parishioner of Saint Joseph's Catholic Church and a charter member and former president of Saint Joseph's Federal Credit Union; additionally, he was affiliated with the Evening Sertoma Club, the Texas A&M 12th Man Foundation, and the Krewe of Aurora; and

WHEREAS, Beloved by all who knew him, Tony Ippolito lived life on his own terms; he was a devoted husband and father and dedicated many years of his life to serving his community, and although his loss has left a void in the hearts of his friends and loved ones, his spirit will live on for years to come when they fondly remember him; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 79th Legislature, pay tribute to the life of Anthony Joseph "Tony" Ippolito and extend deepest sympathy to the members of his family: his wife, Joyce Ippolito; his daughters, Madeline Nicholas and her husband, Bill, and Maureen Sanders and her husband, Jeff; his son, John Ippolito and his wife, Gay;

his grandchildren and their spouses, Laura Stephens, Chris and Nicole Nicholas, Scott and Jennifer Nicholas, Kristy and Chad Wilson, Penny Ippolito, and Jessica, Jennifer, and Jeffery Sanders; his great-grandchildren, Tyler Stephens, Anthony Nicholas, and Karli Wilson; his stepbrothers, Sam Dolce and Tommy Dolce; his stepsisters, Virginia Moore and Roseanne Brocato; and to the many other relatives and friends of this esteemed gentleman; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That an official copy of this Resolution be prepared for his family and that when the Texas Senate adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Anthony Joseph Ippolito.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 1, 2005, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate