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RESOLUTION

- 1 WHEREAS, Friends and family are mourning the loss of Kenneth
- 2 Ray Knowles of Wichita Falls, who passed away on February 6, 2009,
- 3 at the age of 69; and
- WHEREAS, Born in the town of Fry on February 10, 1939, to
- 5 William and Pearlie Knowles, Kenneth Knowles moved as a young man to
- 6 Lubbock to attend college, and he graduated from Texas Tech
- 7 University; he married Roberta Fern and had the pleasure of
- 8 welcoming into his family three children, Angela, Kent, and Kristy,
- 9 as well as seven grandchildren and a great-grandchild over the
- 10 course of his lifetime; and
- 11 WHEREAS, Mr. Knowles founded Central Bail Bonds in 1978 and
- 12 expanded it into one of the largest privately held bail bond
- 13 businesses in Texas; he was instrumental in the formation of
- 14 Professional Bail Agents of the United States, and he maintained
- 15 memberships in such organizations as the Better Business Bureau,
- 16 BCI, and Professional Bondsmen of Texas; moreover, he was active in
- 17 various community organizations and was a congregant of Thornberry
- 18 Baptist Church; and
- 19 WHEREAS, While the death of Kenneth Knowles has brought great
- 20 sorrow to those who knew him, memories of his kindness and
- 21 generosity will be forever treasured by all who were privileged to
- 22 share in the richness of his life; now, therefore, be it
- 23 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
- 24 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Kenneth Ray Knowles

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- 1 and extend deepest sympathy to the members of his family: to Vera
- 2 Knowles; to his children, Angela Faye Burgher, Kent Aaron Knowles,
- 3 and Kristy Renee Knowles-Acker; to his sister, Patsy Knowles Cox,
- 4 and her husband, Ronnie; to his grandchildren, Talya Nicole
- 5 Burgher, Chase Michael Burgher, Koby Joseph Knowles, Tori Ray Piner
- 6 Burgher, Kennzie Dennise Knowles, Jack Kent Knowles, and Cole
- 7 Kristopher Acker; to his great-grandson, Zephyr Keith Scoughton;
- 8 and to his other relatives and friends; and, be it further
- 9 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
- 10 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
- 11 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Kenneth
- 12 Knowles.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 707 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on March 19, 2009.

Chief Clerk of the House