By: Farabee H.R. No. 707

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Friends and family are mourning the loss of Kenneth Ray Knowles of Wichita Falls, who passed away on February 6, 2009, at the age of 69; and

WHEREAS, Born in the town of Fry on February 10, 1939, to William and Pearlie Knowles, Kenneth Knowles moved as a young man to Lubbock to attend college, and he graduated from Texas Tech University; he married Roberta Fern and had the pleasure of welcoming into his family three children, Angela, Kent, and Kristy, as well as seven grandchildren and a great-grandchild over the course of his lifetime; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Knowles founded Central Bail Bonds in 1978 and expanded it into one of the largest privately held bail bond businesses in Texas; he was instrumental in the formation of Professional Bail Agents of the United States, and he maintained memberships in such organizations as the Better Business Bureau, BCI, and Professional Bondsmen of Texas; moreover, he was active in various community organizations and was a congregant of Thornberry Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, While the death of Kenneth Knowles has brought great sorrow to those who knew him, memories of his kindness and generosity will be forever treasured by all who were privileged to share in the richness of his life; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Kenneth Ray Knowles

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and extend deepest sympathy to the members of his family: to Vera Knowles; to his children, Angela Faye Burgher, Kent Aaron Knowles, and Kristy Renee Knowles-Acker; to his sister, Patsy Knowles Cox, and her husband, Ronnie; to his grandchildren, Talya Nicole Burgher, Chase Michael Burgher, Koby Joseph Knowles, Tori Ray Piner Burgher, Kennzie Dennise Knowles, Jack Kent Knowles, and Cole Kristopher Acker; to his great-grandson, Zephyr Keith Scoughton; and to his other relatives and friends; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Kenneth Knowles.