

By: Hunter

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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Family and friends are mourning the loss of Frank S.
2 Adams of Corpus Christi, who died on February 14, 2009, at the age
3 of 82; and

4 WHEREAS, Frank Adams was born in Oklahoma on January 29,
5 1927, to Lucille and Joyce B. Adams; he moved with his family to
6 Corpus Christi in 1937; and

7 WHEREAS, Following his graduation from Corpus Christi High
8 School in 1943, Mr. Adams attended Texas A&M University, where he
9 was a member of the Corps of Cadets; he later earned a degree in
10 banking from Southern Methodist University; and

11 WHEREAS, Answering his nation's call to duty during World War
12 II, Mr. Adams served with the U.S. Navy in Guam; after the war, Mr.
13 Adams was joined in marriage to Lena Faye Gent in 1948, and over the
14 years they were blessed with two children, four grandchildren, and
15 two great-grandchildren; and

16 WHEREAS, Mr. Adams began his career in the used car business,
17 serving as the finance manager of Lewis Boggus Ford; he then went on
18 to a successful career in banking, working first with the Bank of
19 Commerce and then American Bank; and

20 WHEREAS, From 1971 to 1995, Mr. Adams was president of
21 American Bank, and he continued serving the institution as a member
22 of the board of directors until his retirement at age 80; he was an
23 energetic and competitive banker, affectionately known as
24 "Friendly Frank" to his colleagues and other associates; and

1 WHEREAS, Mr. Adams was also well known for the customer
2 service seminars he conducted across the state, and he made those
3 programs even more memorable by handing out silver dollars and
4 American flag lapel pins to participants; he further shared his
5 expertise by teaching at the Texas Tech University School of
6 Banking and by serving as president and director of the Independent
7 Bankers Association of Texas; and

8 WHEREAS, Despite his numerous professional responsibilities,
9 Mr. Adams was engaged in his community as a member of the Jaycees,
10 as an active member of All Saints Episcopal Church, and for many
11 years as a member of the Nueces County Parks Board; in his leisure
12 time, he enjoyed sharing stories with loved ones and fishing at his
13 second home in Boerne; and

14 WHEREAS, Frank Adams was well respected in his profession and
15 beloved by his family and friends, and the memory of his warm and
16 outgoing nature will forever be treasured by those whose lives he
17 touched; now, therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
19 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Frank S. Adams and
20 extend sincere condolences to the members of his family: to his wife
21 of 60 years, Lena Faye Adams; to his son, Larry James Adams, and his
22 wife, Katy; to his daughter, Sandra Joyce Adams; to his grandsons,
23 Steven Craig Adams and his wife, Lise, David Patrick Adams and his
24 wife, Staci, Alan Thomas Adams and his wife, Jessica, and Jack Trent
25 Adams; to his great-grandchildren, Carter and Ellie Adams; and to
26 his other relatives and friends; and, be it further

27 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be

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1 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
2 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Frank S.
3 Adams.