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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Family and friends are mourning the loss of Albert
2 Abraham of Marshall, who died on February 22, 2009, at the age of
3 89; and

4 WHEREAS, Albert Abraham was born in Marshall on November 19,
5 1919, to Louis Charles Abraham and Helena Haddad Abraham; he
6 graduated from Marshall High School and the College of Marshall,
7 now East Texas Baptist University; and

8 WHEREAS, Answering his nation's call to duty during World War
9 II, Mr. Abraham enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Forces and was trained
10 as a fighter pilot; after initially patrolling the airspace over
11 the Panama Canal, he was transferred to the China-Burma-India
12 theater, where he flew P-51 Mustang fighters in close support of
13 Allied ground troops, destroying enemy installations from the air;
14 at one point during the war, this brave American flew 35 combat
15 missions in 53 days; he was later captured and spent time as a
16 prisoner of war; and

17 WHEREAS, Mr. Abraham's courage and sacrifice during the war
18 were recognized with the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Air Medal
19 with one Oak Leaf Cluster, the Purple Heart, the American Defense
20 Service Medal, the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal with two Bronze
21 Stars, the American Campaign Medal with one Bronze Star, the Unit
22 Citation Badge, the World War II Victory Medal, the Presidential
23 Testimonial, and the POW Medal; and

24 WHEREAS, Discharged after the war with the rank of major,

1 Albert Abraham returned to Marshall and married Adrah Marie Ryan in
2 1946; he owned and operated Abraham Grocery until his retirement in
3 1982 and he played an active role in his community as a member of
4 Masonic Lodge No. 22, the Shriners Club, and the Optimist Club; he
5 was also a member of the Gideon Society, and he sat on the alumni
6 board of East Texas Baptist University; and

7 WHEREAS, Deeply loyal to his fellow service members, Mr.
8 Abraham held an appointment to the Veterans' Land Board of the
9 General Land Office, and he earned a certificate of recognition for
10 his work in behalf of veterans in the Lone Star State; he was a
11 member of both the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, Albert Abraham dedicated his life to serving his
14 family, his community, and his nation, and he will forever be
15 remembered with warm affection by all those who knew and loved him;
16 now, therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
18 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Albert Abraham and
19 extend sincere condolences to the members of his family: to his wife
20 of 62 years, Adrah Abraham; to his daughter, Theresa Crawford; to
21 his son, Charles Abraham, and his wife, Lisa; to his sister, Joyce
22 Haddad; to his sister-in-law, Doris Abraham; to his grandchildren,
23 Courtney Crawford, Michael Crawford, Jeffrey Abraham, Justin
24 Abraham, and Briana Abraham; to his great-grandchildren; and to his
25 other relatives and friends; and, be it further

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1 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
2 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
3 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Albert
4 Abraham.