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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Citizens of Ennis are mourning the loss of Jodie
2 Harbert, Jr., who passed away on February 10, 2011, at the age of
3 85; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in Denison to Jodie Harbert, Sr., and Julia
5 Mayes on March 12, 1925, Jodie Harbert later moved to Ennis with his
6 family; he attended Prairie View A&M University and then returned
7 to his hometown, taking a job at Ennis Business Forms in 1946; he
8 enjoyed a 44-year career with the company before his retirement;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. Harbert also began his long association with the
11 Ennis Fire Department in 1946; this dedicated volunteer firefighter
12 was universally held in high esteem by the firefighters with whom he
13 served; often one of the first to arrive at fires in rural areas, he
14 was known for his dependability, his willingness to pitch in
15 wherever he was needed, and his wealth of knowledge about the city
16 and county he served; he had accumulated 50 years of service by
17 1996, when he received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the fire
18 department, and he was named Firefighter of the Year by the North
19 Texas Firefighters Association in 2008; he gave a total of 63 years
20 as a volunteer to the Ennis Fire Department, reaching the rank of
21 lieutenant; and

22 WHEREAS, In addition to his service to the fire department,
23 Mr. Harbert participated in numerous community events and
24 volunteered his time to his church, to the local cemetery, and to

1 any friends and neighbors who needed help; and

2 WHEREAS, He shared a long and happy marriage with his wife,
3 Edwinna, who passed away in 2000, and he also enjoyed the love and
4 support of a son, Jodie; and

5 WHEREAS, Known for his kindness, optimism, and sense of
6 humor, Jodie Harbert demonstrated the positive difference that one
7 committed individual can make in the lives of others, and he will be
8 remembered with deep admiration and affection by those fortunate
9 enough to have known him; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
11 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Jodie Harbert, Jr.,
12 and extend sincere sympathy to his son, Jodie Harbert III and his
13 wife, Denise, and to all who mourn the death of this beloved Texan;
14 and, be it further

15 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
16 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
17 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Jodie
18 Harbert, Jr.