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H.R. No. 995

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A full and generous life drew to a close with the  
2 death of Deryl Wayne Abbe, Sr., of Waco on March 5, 2011, at the age  
3 of 66; and

4 WHEREAS, Deryl Abbe was born in Big Spring on June 12, 1944,  
5 to Leo and Dorothy Abbe; in 1952, his family moved to Waco, where he  
6 attended University High School; he and his brothers, David, Dewey,  
7 Donnie, Dennis, and Danny, were each born 11 months apart and were  
8 known as the "Six D's"; the boys were featured in the Mother's Day  
9 editions of newspapers across Texas in the 1950s; and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. Abbe joined the United States Air Force in 1963  
11 and served three tours of duty in Vietnam; returning to Waco in  
12 1976, he worked at RAM Aircraft for several years before joining M&M  
13 Mars; he retired in 1995; and

14 WHEREAS, During his tenure at RAM, Mr. Abbe met the love of  
15 his life, Kay, and the couple married in 1978; uniting his children,  
16 Butch, Shannon, and Shawn, with Kay's daughters, Wanda and Lori,  
17 the family eventually grew to include 19 grandchildren and 5  
18 great-grandchildren; and

19 WHEREAS, Mr. Abbe was an avid NASCAR fan and, in his leisure  
20 time, he enjoyed attending the races at Texas Motor Speedway;  
21 moreover, he delighted in the company of his many loved ones; and

22 WHEREAS, Although Deryl Abbe is deeply missed, memories of  
23 his devotion to his family remain to comfort and inspire those he  
24 leaves behind; now, therefore, be it

1           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas  
2 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Deryl Wayne Abbe, Sr.,  
3 and extend sincere sympathy to the members of his family: to his  
4 wife, Kay; to his son, Deryl Abbe, Jr., and his wife, Jeanette; to  
5 his daughters, Wanda Anderson and her husband, Mike, Shannon Crist,  
6 and Lori Holmes and her husband, Jimmy Don; to his daughter-in-law,  
7 Sheri Abbe; to his 19 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren; to  
8 his brothers, David Abbe and his wife, Roxy, Dewey Abbe, Don Abbe  
9 and his wife, Glenda, and Dann Abbe and his wife, Kay; and to his  
10 other relatives and friends; and, be it further

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