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H.R. No. 1312

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Memories of a life filled with joyful times and  
2 meaningful accomplishments remain to comfort the friends and loved  
3 ones of Harry Ben Adams III of San Antonio, who passed away on  
4 August 7, 2014, at the age of 70; and

5           WHEREAS, The son of Harry Ben Adams II and Dorothy Lyons  
6 Adams, Mr. Adams was born on August 12, 1943, in San Antonio; after  
7 graduating from Edison High School, he attended San Antonio College  
8 and St. Mary's University, earning a degree from the university's  
9 school of law; and

10           WHEREAS, Licensed to practice law in 1967, Mr. Adams began  
11 his career in legal aid services, and he helped to take a landmark  
12 case before the United States Supreme Court that eventually  
13 overturned the Texas law denying the right to paternal support for  
14 children born out of wedlock; he later established a law firm with  
15 his friends while teaching real estate law courses at night; and

16           WHEREAS, Mr. Adams continued to develop his expertise over  
17 the years, specializing in consumer, real estate, and family law;  
18 he went on to create an independent firm in Universal City, where  
19 his strong reputation among municipal leaders won him the position  
20 of city attorney; he additionally served as the staff attorney for  
21 the economic development corporations of Hollywood Park and  
22 Windcrest and as an attorney for business magnate Red McCombs, with  
23 whom he shared a close friendship; and

24           WHEREAS, Harry Adams's commitment to his community and

1 profession was surpassed only by his devotion to his family; he  
2 enjoyed a rewarding marriage of nearly five decades with his wife,  
3 the former Beverly Ball, and he took great pride in his children,  
4 Terra and Harry, and in his seven grandchildren; passionate about  
5 travel, Mr. Adams ventured with his wife to destinations as  
6 far-flung as Africa, Holland, Jerusalem, and Hawaii, and when at  
7 home, he enjoyed preparing gourmet dishes for friends and family; a  
8 man of devout faith, he was also a valued member of Community Bible  
9 Church; and

10 WHEREAS, Those fortunate enough to have known Harry Adams  
11 will long remember his strength of character and generosity of  
12 spirit, and they will forever hold him close in their hearts; now,  
13 therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas  
15 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Harry Ben Adams III  
16 and extend sincere sympathy to the members of his family: to his  
17 wife, Beverly Ball Adams; to his children, Terra Hynes and her  
18 husband, Jack, and Harry Ben Adams IV and his fiancée, Charisse  
19 Scott; to his brother, Richard Adams, and his wife, Cathy; to his  
20 grandchildren, Ricky, Ben, Samuel, Julia, Faith, Channing, and  
21 Cate; and to his other relatives and friends; and, be it further

22 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
23 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
24 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Harry Ben  
25 Adams III.