

By: Bell of Kaufman

H.R. No. 1307

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Robert Jefferson Dobbs of Forney, an esteemed Texan
2 and a friend to many, passed away on January 8, 2019, at the age of
3 99; and

4 WHEREAS, Jeff Dobbs was born in Mart on March 4, 1919, to
5 Robert Edward and Kathleen Elizabeth Williams Dobbs; after losing
6 both of his parents at an early age, he grew up at Buckner Orphans
7 Home in Dallas, where he and his siblings worked on a dairy farm and
8 raised crops to help support the orphanage and provide for each
9 other; and

10 WHEREAS, Following his graduation from Buckner, Mr. Dobbs
11 attempted to enlist in the United States Army but was rejected for
12 health reasons; he was later drafted when World War II began to
13 escalate, and he went on to serve his country honorably; after
14 returning from the war, he enjoyed a 45-year career in the sheet
15 metal business, and he remained a dedicated member of the Sheet
16 Metal Workers Union for 70 years; a valued Forney resident since
17 1959, he was honored in 2018 as the oldest World War II veteran in
18 Kaufman County; and

19 WHEREAS, Mr. Dobbs drew strength from the love and support of
20 his wife, Addie Lee, and the couple shared a rewarding marriage that
21 spanned more than seven decades; he was the proud father of two
22 sons, Robert and Randel, and he had the pleasure of seeing his
23 family grow to include seven grandchildren and eight
24 great-grandchildren; in his leisure time, he delighted in farming

1 and gardening with his wife; and

2 WHEREAS, Admired for his kindness, humility, and industrious
3 spirit, Jeff Dobbs lived a caring and purposeful life, and he leaves
4 behind a record of service that his loved ones can remember with
5 pride; now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas
7 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Robert Jefferson
8 Dobbs and extend sincere condolences to the members of his family:
9 to his wife, Addie Lee Dobbs; to his sons, Robert Dobbs and his
10 wife, Becky, and Randel Dobbs and his wife, Janna; to his
11 grandchildren, Jeff Dobbs and his wife, Brandy, Rusty Dobbs, Sara
12 Campbell and her husband, Cody, Andy Dobbs and his wife, Carolyn,
13 Megan Meeks and her husband, Landry, Molly Pope and her husband,
14 Josh, and Melissa Bereuter and her husband, Cliff; to his
15 great-grandchildren, Jacob, Jayci, Emily, Davis, Ezra, Georgia,
16 Mara, and Sam; to his brother, Jack Dobbs, and his wife, Barbara;
17 and to his other relatives and friends; and, be it further

18 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
19 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
20 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Robert
21 Jefferson Dobbs.