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H.R. No. 133

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, A rich and purposeful life drew to a close with the  
2 passing of Robert Charles Thomas on October 1, 2021, at the age of  
3 57; and

4           WHEREAS, Born in Kountze on October 12, 1963, Robert Thomas  
5 was the son of Henrietta Ridley Thomas and the brother of five  
6 siblings, Pamela, Donita, Michael, Denice, and George; he attended  
7 public schools in Silsbee, graduating in 1982, and went on to  
8 continue his studies at Angelina College in Lufkin; after  
9 completing training at the Gary Job Corps Center, he enjoyed a  
10 rewarding career of more than a decade with the Texas Department of  
11 Criminal Justice, and for a time, he also made his living working  
12 security at a number of H-E-B stores; and

13           WHEREAS, A man of deep faith, Mr. Thomas was actively  
14 involved in his church and various outreach ministries, and  
15 throughout his life, he volunteered on many occasions at food  
16 banks, senior centers, and nursing homes; he also belonged to  
17 various other clubs and organizations, including the NAACP and the  
18 Order of the Eastern Star; a member of the Democratic Party, he  
19 worked tirelessly as a campaign volunteer for President Barack  
20 Obama and Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee; in addition, he made a  
21 difference in the lives of a number of young trainees at Gary Job  
22 Corps, and he formed several close friendships during his time  
23 there; and

24           WHEREAS, Mr. Thomas was beloved by his family; he was the

1 devoted "Pop" of DeAndre and Brittany Schuler, and he treasured his  
2 role as godfather to Dalethea and Robert Porchia, Robert Walker,  
3 and Bryce Allen; and

4 WHEREAS, Robert Thomas possessed a generosity of spirit that  
5 expressed itself in myriad ways, and he will always be remembered  
6 with admiration and affection by all those who held him dear; now,  
7 therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas  
9 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the life of  
10 Robert Charles Thomas and extend heartfelt sympathy to his family  
11 and friends; and, be it further

12 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
13 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
14 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Robert  
15 Charles Thomas.