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H.R. No. 80

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Family and friends were deeply saddened by the
2 passing of OC Jackson III on December 31, 2022, at the age of 21; and

3 WHEREAS, OC Jackson was born on June 26, 2001, to
4 OC Jackson Jr. and Sharon Graham Jackson, and he grew up with the
5 companionship of a sister, Arnada; he attended Mt. Hebron Christian
6 Academy in Garland, where he excelled in the yearly oratorical
7 contest and discovered his love for public speaking; a 2019
8 graduate of Garland High School, he belonged to the National Honor
9 Society, the Performing Arts Endorsement Program, and the
10 International Baccalaureate Theatre Program; and

11 WHEREAS, Answering his nation's call to duty, Mr. Jackson
12 joined the U.S. Navy in June 2019; following his completion of boot
13 camp, he was stationed in Florida and received his job assignment as
14 a cryptologist; he later relocated to Georgia and was deployed to
15 the USS *Kearsarge*, serving aboard the naval carrier for three and a
16 half years and rising to the rank of petty officer 2nd class E-5;
17 and

18 WHEREAS, Mr. Jackson professed his faith at an early age, and
19 he was a valued congregant of North Garland Baptist Fellowship; he
20 attended the men's ministry Sunday school class and was actively
21 involved with the youth ministry and Awana Clubs; moreover, he was a
22 spokesman for the Bowtie Boys, and during his time with the
23 organization, he had the honor of crossing the Edmund Pettus Bridge
24 in Selma, Alabama, in observance of the 50th anniversary of the

1 brutal police assault on civil rights demonstrators that spurred
2 the passage of the Voting Rights Act; and

3 WHEREAS, Although his journey on this earth ended far too
4 soon, OC Jackson made the world a brighter place for those who were
5 fortunate enough to know him, and they will forever keep his memory
6 alive in their hearts; now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas
8 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of OC Jackson III and
9 extend heartfelt condolences to the members of his family: to his
10 parents, OC Jackson Jr. and Sharon Graham Jackson; to his sister,
11 Arnada Synice Marchet Jackson; to his grandmother, Marine Singleton
12 Jackson; to his grandfather, Hampton Graham; to his best friend,
13 Forrest Andrew Coleman; and to his many other relatives and
14 friends; 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 OC Jackson.