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S.C.R. No. 13

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The Texas Black Reconstruction Legislators
2 Recognition Act seeks to erect historical markers in honor of
3 African American legislators who served the state during the 12th
4 through 14th Texas Legislatures; now, therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the 88th Legislature of the State of Texas
6 hereby adopt, for the purpose of the Reconstruction Texas
7 Legislator Historical Marker Program, the following standardized
8 spellings, capitalizations, dates of birth, and counties of service
9 to create the historical markers detailed in the Texas Black
10 Reconstruction Legislators Recognition Act:

11 ● Senator George Thompson Ruby, born July 1, 1841, died
12 October 31, 1882, represented Galveston, Brazoria, and Matagorda
13 Counties in the 12th and 13th Texas Legislatures

14 ● Senator Matthew Gaines, born August 4, 1840, died June 11,
15 1900, represented Washington County in the 12th and 13th Texas
16 Legislatures

17 ● Senator Walter Moses Burton, born August 9, 1840, died June
18 4, 1913, represented Austin, Fort Bend, and Wharton Counties in the
19 14th Texas Legislature

20 ● Representative Mitchell Kendall, born circa 1822, June 20,
21 1885, represented Harrison County in the 12th Texas Legislature

22 ● Representative Henry Moore, born circa 1810, date of death
23 currently unknown, represented Harrison County in the 12th and 13th

1 Texas Legislatures

2 ● Representative Richard Allen, born June 10, 1830, died May
3 16, 1909, represented Harris County in the 12th and 13th Texas
4 Legislature

5 ● Representative J. Goldstein DuPree, date of birth unknown,
6 died April, 1872, represented Montgomery and Harris Counties in the
7 12th Texas Legislature

8 ● Representative John Mitchell, born April 1937, died April
9 10, 1921, represented Burleson, Brazos, and Milam Counties in the
10 12th and 14th Texas Legislature

11 ● Representative Giles Cotton, born circa 1814, died circa
12 1884, represented Robertson, Leon, and Freestone Counties in the
13 12th Texas Legislature

14 ● Representative Sheppard "Shep" Mullens, born circa 1829,
15 died August 7, 1871, represented McLennan, Limestone, and Falls
16 Counties in the 12th Texas Legislature

17 ● Representative Benjamin Franklin Williams, born 1819, died
18 February 27, 1886, represented Lavaca and Colorado Counties in the
19 12th Texas Legislature

20 ● Representative Meshack "Shack" Roberts, dates of birth and
21 death unknown, represented Harrison County in the 13th and 14th
22 Texas Legislatures

23 ● Representative Henry Phelps, born circa 1829, died 1878,
24 represented Galveston County in the 13th Texas Legislature

25 ● Representative James H. Washington, born May, 1850, died
26 December 23, 1916, represented Galveston County in the 13th Texas
27 Legislature

1 ● Representative Richard Williams, born circa 1822, date of
2 death unknown, served in the 12th and 13th Texas Legislature

3 ● Representative Jeremiah J. Hamilton, born July, 1838, died
4 circa 1904, represented Fayette and Bastrop Counties in the 12th
5 Texas Legislature

6 ● Representative Allen W. Wilder, born circa 1845, elected to
7 represented Washington County in the 13th Texas Legislature, but
8 never seated

9 ● Representative David Abner, Sr., born 1826, died 1902,
10 represented Rusk and Harrison County in the 14th Texas Legislature

11 ● Representative Edward "Ed" Brown, born circa 1840, and
12 death unknown, represented Harrison and Rusk Counties in the 14th
13 Texas Legislature

14 ● Representative Thomas Beck, born circa 1819, date of death
15 unknown, represented Walker, Madison, and Grimes Counties in the
16 14th Texas Legislature

17 ● Representative Jacob Esan Freeman, born circa 1841, died
18 circa 1900, represented Waller, Fort Bend, and Wharton Counties in
19 the 14th Texas Legislature

20 RESOLVED, That the Texas Historical Commission be directed to
21 use these standardized spellings, capitalizations, dates of birth,
22 and counties of service for this historical marker program; and, be
23 it further

24 RESOLVED, That the Texas secretary of state forward an
25 official copy of this resolution to the executive director of the
26 Texas Historical Commission.