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H.R. No. 207

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The passing of Ralph D. King of Houston on July 21,  
2 2003, at the age of 77, has deeply saddened the family and many  
3 friends of this beloved man; and

4           WHEREAS, A native of Cambridge, Massachusetts, Mr. King  
5 enjoyed an array of sports, from pond ice hockey to "night golf,"  
6 and he excelled in track and field; in high school, he earned the  
7 title of IC4A and New England sprint champion in the 100- and  
8 200-yard events and was the region's indoor champion in the 45-yard  
9 sprint race; in college, he successfully participated with Boston  
10 College's New England indoor and outdoor mile-relay championship  
11 teams in many national and international track meets, was the first  
12 African American to captain a Boston College varsity team, and was  
13 inducted into the college's hall of fame in 1996; and

14           WHEREAS, Following college, he embarked on a notable career  
15 devoted to the promotion of intergroup relations; he served as  
16 regional director of the New York, Pennsylvania, and Houston  
17 offices of the National Conference of Christians and Jews, served  
18 on the faculty of the National Police Institute, and was an early  
19 leader in the movement to train educators to teach English as a  
20 second language; and

21           WHEREAS, Retiring in Houston in 1986, he shared his time and  
22 energy as a member of St. James' Episcopal Church and Omega Psi Phi  
23 Fraternity, and he was a charter member of the North Houston  
24 Frontiers International; and

1           WHEREAS, Those who were fortunate enough to know Ralph King  
2 will long miss his deep commitment to his fellowman, his gentle  
3 spirit, and his "Yankee" sense of humor, and he will be remembered  
4 with affection by the countless people whose lives he touched; now,  
5 therefore, be it

6           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas  
7 Legislature, 2nd Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the life of  
8 Ralph D. King and extend sincere sympathy to the members of his  
9 family: to his wife of 42 years, Edith King; to his daughters, Anne  
10 Odile King and Frances King; to his sister, Bernice Clark; to his  
11 niece and nephew-in-law, Gloria and Robert Clark; to his nephews  
12 and niece-in-law, Stephen Clark and Jimmy and Aurey Clark; to his  
13 cousins, Flossie and Cayward Lewis; and to all those who mourn the  
14 passing of this esteemed gentleman; 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 Ralph D.  
18 King.