

By: Cook of Colorado

H.R. No. 260

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The passing of Columbus Police Chief Robert E.  
2 Connor, Jr., on September 16, 2003, at the age of 50, brought a  
3 tremendous loss to the family and friends of this distinguished  
4 gentleman; and

5           WHEREAS, Born on July 24, 1953, in Weimar, Chief Connor  
6 attended public schools in Columbus before attending Prairie View  
7 A&M University, where he earned a bachelor's degree in sociology  
8 and business administration; while at college, Chief Connor joined  
9 Omega Psi Phi and remained an active member throughout his life; and

10           WHEREAS, Chief Connor began working in law enforcement as an  
11 officer while at Prairie View, continued his career at the Harris  
12 County Sheriff's Department, where he was honored as a founding  
13 member of the Afro-American Sheriff's Deputy's League in 1991, and  
14 ended his service as police chief of Columbus, a post he held for  
15 the past 14 years; and

16           WHEREAS, Combining his love for outdoor life and his  
17 commitment to the community's young people, Chief Connor  
18 established the Prince Hall Young Boys Camp, which takes  
19 African-American youths from around the state to the countryside  
20 for a weekend of fishing and talks on subjects ranging from health  
21 to interview skills to college preparation; and

22           WHEREAS, Chief Connor also was a prominent Prince Hall Master  
23 Mason who rose through the ranks to become grand master of the Texas  
24 jurisdiction in June 1991; presiding as Most Worshipful Grand

1 Master of the Prince Hall Grand Lodge at the time of his passing,  
2 Chief Connor oversaw 10 concordant bodies with a membership of  
3 approximately 15,000, and his leadership contributions will  
4 continue to benefit Master Masons across Texas; and

5 WHEREAS, An exemplary law enforcement officer, dedicated  
6 husband and father, and beloved friend to many, Chief Connor  
7 positively influenced the lives of countless individuals, and he  
8 will not soon be forgotten; now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas  
10 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the life of  
11 Chief Robert E. Connor, Jr., and extend deepest sympathies to the  
12 members of his family: to his wife, Deanna; to his daughter, Stacie  
13 Arnaye Wallace; to his godson, Edward Trey Brown III; to his  
14 sisters, Gwendolyn Manley, Vera Mae Johnson, and Shayl Denise  
15 Connor; to his brothers, John Michael Connor, Stanley Connor, and  
16 Ar Raheem Ali A-Shad Connor; to his sisters-in-law, Linda Marie  
17 Connor, Sylvia Wilson-Connor, Shirley Eaton, and Veda Eaton; to his  
18 brothers-in-law, Harold Eaton, Jr., and Larry Eaton; to his  
19 mother-in-law, Marie Eaton; and to his other relatives and many  
20 friends; and, be it further

21 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
22 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
23 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Chief  
24 Robert E. Connor, Jr.