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H.R. No. 218

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The family and friends of J. Harold Brooks were
2 deeply saddened when this distinguished son of Houston passed away
3 on February 24, 2004, at the age of 63; and

4 WHEREAS, Born on August 10, 1940, Mr. Brooks was raised in
5 Houston's Fifth Ward and graduated from Phillis Wheatley Senior
6 High School in 1958; a gentleman of outstanding intellect, he
7 received a bachelor of arts degree in sociology from Texas Southern
8 University before earning a bachelor of law degree from Texas
9 Southern University's Thurgood Marshall School of Law, where he
10 ranked first in his class and brought great acclaim to the
11 university after achieving the highest score on the bar examination
12 of the State Bar of Texas; and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. Brooks's strong social conscience led him to
14 participate in the numerous sit-ins that ultimately resulted in the
15 integration of the Foley's lunch counter in Houston; in addition,
16 he took part in the historic March on Washington in 1963; and

17 WHEREAS, A talented attorney who lived through a turbulent
18 era of American history, Mr. Brooks retired to Oakland, California,
19 after an exemplary 30-year career with the federal government in
20 New York City; his efforts in support of civil rights made him a
21 source of tremendous pride for everyone in the Fifth Ward, and his
22 memory will not soon be forgotten; now, therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
24 Legislative, 4th Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the life of

1 J. Harold Brooks and extend sincere sympathy to the members of his
2 family: to his daughters, Shelly, Kelly, and Lesley; to his former
3 wife, Iris; to his brothers, Jerome and A. J.; to his sisters,
4 Janice, Evelyn, Silvia, and Joyce; to his nieces, Stephanie and
5 Tamara; to his nephews, Alvin and Damani; and to his other relatives
6 and many friends; and, be it further

7 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
8 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
9 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of J. Harold
10 Brooks.