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H.C.R. No. 40

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The passing of Deotis Gay, Sr., of La Porte on
2 February 21, 2002, at the age of 70, brought a great loss to the
3 friends, family, and many admirers of this esteemed public servant;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, A native Texan, Mr. Gay was born December 19, 1931,
6 in Kilgore and graduated from George Washington Carver High School
7 in Baytown; on completing his education, he pursued a successful
8 35-year career as an operator at the Rohm & Haas plant in Deer Park
9 until his retirement; and

10 WHEREAS, He embraced a new set of challenges when he was
11 elected as the first African American member of the La Porte City
12 Council in 1981, and for two decades he focused his time and energy
13 on bettering the community in behalf of his fellow citizens; and

14 WHEREAS, In addition to his myriad contributions as a
15 councilman, Mr. Gay also worked to benefit his community as a board
16 member of Zion Hill Baptist Church and through his participation in
17 such worthy organizations as the La Porte Community Civic Club, the
18 Texas Black Caucus, the Texas Municipal League, the National League
19 of Cities, and Masonic lodge No. 516; and

20 WHEREAS, Deotis Gay, Sr., was a dedicated public servant and
21 an admired civic leader; those who were privileged to know him will
22 long miss his presence, but his remarkable spirit lives on in the
23 legacy of good works he leaves behind; now, therefore, be it

24 RESOLVED, That the 78th Legislature of the State of Texas

1 hereby pay tribute to the life of Deotis Gay, Sr., and extend
2 sincere sympathy to the members of his family: to his wife, Mary
3 Gay; to his children, Deotis Gay, Jr., Anthony Gay, and Cheryl Gay;
4 to his seven grandchildren; and to the other relatives and many
5 friends of this beloved gentleman; and, be it further

6 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
7 prepared for the members of his family and that when the Texas House
8 of Representatives and Senate adjourn this day, they do so in memory
9 of Deotis Gay, Sr.