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H.C.R. No. 127

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The untimely passing of Tarrence Leon White of Fort
2 Worth on December 21, 2002, at the age of 16, has deeply saddened
3 the family and many friends of this beloved young man; and

4 WHEREAS, Born on June 19, 1986, in Fort Worth, he attended S.
5 S. Dillow Elementary School and William James Middle School, where
6 he played football; a devoted fan of major league baseball players,
7 he attended the All Star games in 1995 and 1996 and participated in
8 Cowboy Camp for two years; and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. White was a junior at Southwest High School,
10 where he excelled in Spanish and French and was particularly known
11 for his outstanding talent and dedication as a "shooting guard" on
12 the Southwest Raiders' varsity basketball team; and

13 WHEREAS, A favorite of his classmates, fellow athletes, and
14 teachers alike, this impressive young Texan, affectionately known
15 as "Poopie," drew a circle of diverse and loyal friends who admired
16 his upbeat attitude, sense of humor, and leadership on and off the
17 basketball court; and

18 WHEREAS, Devoted to his family, he served as a role model for
19 his siblings and cousins; in addition to a full schedule of classes,
20 practice, and games, he was a congregant of Great Commission
21 Baptist Church, where he was baptized at the age of 12, and he also
22 met the responsibilities of employment at Albertson's; and

23 WHEREAS, Although it is immeasurably painful to say goodbye
24 to one so young and full of promise, it is fitting to keep in mind

1 that while Mr. White's time here was all too brief, his life
2 profoundly affected those around him, and his memory will surely
3 continue to inspire the countless individuals whose lives he
4 touched; now, therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the 78th Legislature of the State of Texas
6 hereby pay tribute to the life of Tarrence Leon White and extend
7 deepest sympathy to the members of his family: to his mother, Karen
8 White Sherer, and her husband, Roy; to his father, Fanta Maru, and
9 his wife, Kudus Mesmer; to his brothers, Edward Johnson, Yosef
10 Maru, Tewodros Maru, and Michael Maru; to his sister, Meaza Maru; to
11 his aunts, Debra Johnson, Martha White, and Betty Lee; to his
12 uncles, Darryl White, Freddie White, and Michael Thompson; to his
13 grandparents, G. Maru and Shekim Awoke; to his great-grandmother,
14 Grace Gilmore; and to his other relatives and many friends; and, be
15 it further

16 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
17 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
18 Representatives and Senate adjourn this day, they do so in memory of
19 Tarrence Leon White.