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H.R. No. 160

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The untimely passing of Charles Shannon of San
2 Antonio on February 3, 2003, at the age of 54 brought a great loss to
3 the family, friends, and colleagues of this kind and generous man,
4 and it is with heavy hearts that we bid him farewell; and

5 WHEREAS, A San Antonio native, Mr. Shannon had served as
6 chairman of the board of directors of VIA Metropolitan Transit
7 since January 2001; he was appointed to that organization's board
8 of trustees in 1995 and held numerous other leadership positions
9 during his tenure with VIA; and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. Shannon was affiliated with the YMCA of San
11 Antonio for 37 years, first as a counselor and youth leader and
12 later as executive director of the Davis-Scott branch and district
13 executive for the southern region; his efforts over the course of
14 nearly four decades changed countless lives and earned him the
15 respect and admiration of young and old alike; and

16 WHEREAS, He was in the U.S. Navy from 1970 to 1973 and served
17 in Vietnam on the *USS Constellation*; after his discharge he began a
18 10-year stint with the Texas Department of Human Resources, during
19 which time he began his pursuit of a degree in sociology from
20 Southwest Texas State University; and

21 WHEREAS, Mr. Shannon's exemplary record of civic service
22 earned him a number of accolades, including the City of San
23 Antonio's "Profile of a Leader for Outstanding Community Work"
24 award, the United African Methodist Immanuel Church's "Man of the

1 Year" award, and the Texas Legislative Black Caucus's "Outstanding
2 Texan" award; and

3 WHEREAS, The loss of Charles Shannon has affected a multitude
4 of individuals who benefited from this extraordinary man's
5 passionate commitment to aiding his fellow citizens, and although
6 he will be sorely missed by those who knew and loved him, his spirit
7 will surely live on through his myriad good works and deeds; now,
8 therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
10 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Charles Shannon of San
11 Antonio and extend sympathy to the members of his family: to his
12 wife, Zelma Shannon; to his son, Eric Shannon; and to the many other
13 relatives and friends of this beloved man; and, be it further

14 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
15 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
16 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Charles
17 Shannon.