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RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The passing of Charles Edward Lester of Dallas on 2 October 8, 2002, has deeply saddened the family and many friends of 3 this beloved gentleman; and

WHEREAS, A native Texan, he was born on April 24, 1938, in Scottsville, to Ezra and Vida Whiten Lester; he graduated from George Washington Carver High School in Karnack, attended Wiley College in Marshall, and served his country with distinction as a member of the armed forces; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lester and his wife, Joyce, enjoyed a warm and fulfilling marriage that was based on a solid foundation of mutual love, trust, and respect; a devoted family man, Mr. Lester took great pride in his two daughters and seven grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Baptized at James Chapel Baptist Church in Marshall, he was a faithful congregant of Good Street Baptist Church and joyfully participated with the deacon board, male chorus, Ollie Lee Scruggs Sanctuary Choir, Sunday school department, and brotherhood department; and

WHEREAS, Though Charles Edward Lester is profoundly missed, the memory of his devotion and service to others will surely live on in the hearts and minds of the many people whose lives he touched; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Charles Edward Lester and extend sincere sympathy to the members of his family: to his

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- 1 wife, Joyce M. Lester; to his daughters and sons-in-law, Cornelia
- 2 and Dennis Law and Lolita and Benji Newman; to his grandchildren,
- 3 Cornell King, Weldon Wright, Melcena Wright, Elizabeth Law,
- 4 Harrison Law, Shannon Lofton, and Kimyatta Brent; to his brother,
- 5 William Howard Lester; to his sisters, Tommie D. Singleton, Doris
- 6 M. Herod, Lois M. Tatum, Essie O. Johnson, Frankie J. Lester,
- 7 Dorothy L. Evans, and Essie B. Taylor; and to his many other
- 8 relatives and friends; and, be it further
- 9 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
- 10 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
- 11 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Charles
- 12 Edward Lester.