

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Former State Representative Nathan H. Haller was a  
2 notable Texan whose passing on February 27, 1917, at the age of 76,  
3 left a gap in Texas history to be bridged over a century later by the  
4 echoes of his achievements and accomplishments; and

5           WHEREAS, Born a slave on July 8, 1840, Mr. Haller moved with  
6 his master to Walker County, Texas, at an early age, serving his  
7 master until he was given his freedom on June 19, 1865; upon  
8 receiving his freedom, Mr. Haller remained in Walker County as a  
9 farmer and was elected county commissioner for a number of years;  
10 and

11           WHEREAS, In the late 1880s or early 1890s, Mr. Haller moved to  
12 Brazoria County and was elected state representative to the 23rd  
13 Legislature, and he also served in the 24th Legislature; and

14           WHEREAS, Mr. Haller was the only African-American Texas state  
15 representative in 1893 during the 23rd Legislature; he served on  
16 the Roads, Bridges, and Ferries Committee as well as the Labor  
17 Committee; and

18           WHEREAS, During the 23rd Legislature, Mr. Haller introduced  
19 House Bill 469, "to put in operation, and maintain a branch  
20 university for the colored youth of Texas"; and

21           WHEREAS, In 1894, Mr. Haller ran for re-election and was  
22 defeated due to a Brazoria county judge failing to count all votes,  
23 which would have given Mr. Haller a 50-vote margin of victory; the  
24 House Committee on Privileges & Elections ruled in favor of Mr.

1 Haller, which allowed him to become a member of the 24th  
2 Legislature; and

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Haller retired from politics after his second  
4 term; he moved to Houston, where he was working as a wagon driver in  
5 1910; and

6 WHEREAS, Mr. Haller served as a voice for his district, an  
7 instrument to education, and a shoulder to his people, and he is to  
8 be commended and applauded for his courageousness, endurance,  
9 loyalty, and, most notably, his bravery in overcoming conditions  
10 many would not have challenged 30 years into their freedom; now,  
11 therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas  
13 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of former State  
14 Representative Nathan H. Haller; and, be it further

15 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
16 prepared for the members of his family.

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Craddick	Giddings	Merritt
Allen	Goodman	Miller
Alonzo	Goolsby	Moreno of Harris
Bailey	Griggs	Moreno of El Paso
Baxter	Grusendorf	Morrison
Berman	Guillen	Mowery
Bohac	Gutierrez	Naishtat
Bonnen	Haggerty	Nixon
Branch	Hamilton	Noriega
Brown of Kaufman	Hamric	Oliveira
Brown of Brazos	Hardcastle	Olivo
Burnam	Harper-Brown	Paxton
Callegari	Hartnett	Pena
Campbell	Heflin	Phillips
Canales	Hegar	Pickett
Capelo	Hilderbran	Pitts
Casteel	Hill	Puente
Castro	Hochberg	Quintanilla
Chavez	Hodge	Rangel
Chisum	Homer	Raymond
Christian	Hope	Reyna
Coleman	Hopson	Riddle
Cook of Navarro	Howard	Ritter
Cook of Colorado	Hughes	Rodriguez
Corte	Hunter	Rose
Crabb	Hupp	Seaman
Crownover	Isett	Smith of Tarrant
Davis of Harris	Jones of Lubbock	Smith of Harris
Davis of Dallas	Jones of Bexar	Smithee
Dawson	Jones of Dallas	Solis
Delisi	Keel	Solomons
Denny	Keffer of Dallas	Stick
Deshotel	Keffer of Eastland	Swinford
Driver	King	Talton
Dukes	Kolkhorst	Taylor
Dunnam	Krusee	Telford
Dutton	Kuempel	Thompson
Edwards	Laney	Truitt
Eiland	Laubenberg	Turner
Eissler	Lewis	Uresti
Elkins	Luna	Van Arsdale
Ellis	Mabry	Villarreal
Farabee	Madden	West
Farrar	Marchant	Wilson
Flores	Martinez Fischer	Wise
Flynn	McCall	Wohlgemuth
Gallego	McClendon	Wolens
Garza	McReynolds	Wong
Gattis	Menendez	Woolley
Geren	Mercer	Zedler

H.R. No. 295

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 295 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on February 27, 2003.

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Chief Clerk of the House