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H.R. No. 890

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The passing of Lesley Milas Delaney, Sr., on April
2 20, 2003, at the age of 94, has brought a great loss to the family
3 and friends of this beloved gentleman; and

4 WHEREAS, Born August 22, 1908, in Crockett, Mr. Delaney
5 graduated from high school in his hometown and attended Butler
6 College before beginning his career as a professional electrician;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, A devoted family man, he enjoyed a strong and loving
9 union with his wife, the former Martha Lee Warren, who preceded him
10 in death in 1970 after nearly four decades of marriage; Mr. Delaney
11 took great pride in his eight children, with whom he shared many
12 happy times throughout the years; and

13 WHEREAS, Tyler's first licensed African-American
14 electrician, this dedicated entrepreneur established L. M. Delaney
15 and Sons in his community and also helped others chart their career
16 paths as the founder of Delaney's Radio School; and

17 WHEREAS, Mr. Delaney was a devoted member of True Vine
18 Baptist Church in Tyler and contributed to the church in numerous
19 ways, serving as Sunday school superintendent, director of the
20 Baptist Training Union, and chairman of the Deacon Board; he later
21 attended St. John Baptist Church and New Birth Baptist Church in
22 Dallas and was a member of Divine Trinity Community Church in
23 Lancaster; and

24 WHEREAS, Individuals possessed of Mr. Delaney's strength of

1 character are far too rare, and though his loss has left a void in
2 the lives of many people, his memory will stay with them always;
3 now, therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
5 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Lesley Milas Delaney,
6 Sr., and extend sincere sympathy to the members of his family: to
7 his sons and daughters-in-law, Lesley M. Delaney, Jr., and Bobbie
8 Delaney, Pastor Billy R. Delaney and Beverly Delaney, Willy L.
9 Delaney, and John H. Delaney; to his daughters and sons-in-law,
10 Gloria L. Johnson and Ennis Johnson, Shirley A. Jones, Martha C.
11 Lusk, and Mentha M. Clark and Tim Clark; to his 19 grandchildren, 34
12 great-grandchildren, and five great-great-grandchildren; to his
13 sisters-in-law, Barbara Delaney, Georgia Delaney, and Ada Delaney;
14 and to his other relatives and friends; and, be it further

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