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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The family, friends, and fans of Houston rapper  
2 Curtis Donnell "Big Mello" Davis were deeply saddened by his  
3 untimely passing on June 15, 2002; and

4           WHEREAS, Born on August 7, 1968, in Houston, Mr. Davis  
5 graduated from Madison High School and attended Texas Southern  
6 University; studying music and broadcasting, he worked as a disc  
7 jockey on the campus radio station, KTSU-FM, and appeared regularly  
8 on the station's *Kidz Jamm* program; and

9           WHEREAS, Over the course of his career, Mr. Davis performed  
10 internationally and with nationally known groups; he released his  
11 first album in 1992 and followed it with others in 1995 and 1996; at  
12 the time of his death, his fourth album, *Done Deal*, was scheduled  
13 for release; and

14           WHEREAS, In addition to being a popular rap artist, Mr. Davis  
15 was a devoted husband to wife, Tammie, and a proud father of their  
16 two sons, Andrew and Chad; a caring and involved parent, he  
17 volunteered his time to help his sons' football team; Mr. Davis was  
18 a longtime member of New Faith Church and recently joined the  
19 fellowship of New Light Baptist Church; and

20           WHEREAS, Though Big Mello is deeply missed, his spirit will  
21 continue to live on in the hearts of those who knew him and in the  
22 words of the songs he has left behind; now, therefore, be it

23           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas  
24 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Curtis Donnell "Big

1 Mello" Davis and extend sincere sympathy to the members of his  
2 family: to his wife, Tammie Davis; to his sons, Andrew and Chad  
3 Davis; to his parents, Wilbert and Mary Elizabeth Davis; to his  
4 sister, Tammy Davis; to his brother, Bruce Allen; to his god  
5 brother, Rodney McKinney; to his god sister, Ebony Stewart; to his  
6 mother-in-law, Irma Bingham-Wilson; and to his other relatives and  
7 many friends; and, be it further

8         RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
9 prepared for his family and that when the House of Representatives  
10 adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Curtis Donnell Davis.