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H.R. No. 216

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A loving family and good friends will long cherish
2 their memories of Rufus Paul King of Houston, who passed away on
3 June 7, 2005, at the age of 66; and

4 WHEREAS, Born on November 16, 1938, in Abilene, Mr. King
5 attended Abilene High School in his youth and was a standout member
6 of the school's football team, which earned three consecutive state
7 titles and was honored as the "Team of the Century" by the *Dallas*
8 *Morning News*; and

9 WHEREAS, He was twice chosen All-District 1AAAA and All-State
10 for his talent on the gridiron, and after graduating in 1957, he
11 followed his stellar high school football career with an equally
12 successful collegiate one at Rice University; while attending Rice,
13 Mr. King was named All-Conference Guard, an Eastman Kodak
14 All-American, and a member of the All-Southwest Academic Team, and
15 he was inducted into the Rice University Athletic Hall of Fame in
16 1982 and honored as "All-Time All-Southwest Conference Guard" at
17 the end of the Southwest Conference era; and

18 WHEREAS, A valued member of the Houston community, Mr. King
19 distinguished himself through his leadership on the board of
20 directors of the "R" Association and on the board of deacons at
21 Houston's First Baptist Church, where he attended services for 48
22 years; and

23 WHEREAS, This accomplished Texan will long be remembered as a
24 devoted husband and family man, outstanding athlete, and treasured

1 friend to many; now, therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
3 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the life of
4 Rufus Paul King and extend sincere sympathy to the members of his
5 family: to his beloved wife of 42 years, Johnnie Loraine Mills
6 King; to his children and their spouses, Jennifer and Clifford
7 Stockstill, Geoffrey and Catherine King, and Jonathan and Alison
8 King; to his grandchildren, Caleb and Cade Stockstill, Cooper King,
9 and Clare King; to his mother-in-law, Frances Mills, and to his
10 other loved ones; and, be it further

11 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
12 prepared for the family and that when the Texas House of
13 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Rufus Paul
14 King.