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H.R. No. 151

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Memories of a life filled with joyful times and
2 meaningful accomplishments may help to comfort the family and
3 friends of Dr. Charles A. Berry, Jr., of Grambling, Louisiana, who
4 passed away on March 20, 2006, at the age of 83; and

5 WHEREAS, Dr. Berry, son of the cofounder of Jarvis Christian
6 College in Hawkins, earned his bachelor's degree from the school in
7 1942, and went on to receive a master's in social work from Atlanta
8 University and an Ed.D. in guidance and educational psychology from
9 Indiana University; and

10 WHEREAS, He had a distinguished career in higher education,
11 serving as dean of the College of Education and professor at
12 Grambling State University, dean of men and instructor of social
13 science at Bishop College, director of Student Personnel and
14 professor at Alcorn A&M University, coordinator of the Triple T
15 Program at Texas Southern University, and visiting professor and
16 research associate at the University of California; and

17 WHEREAS, In 1980, Dr. Berry was named president of his alma
18 mater, Jarvis Christian College; this much-admired leader
19 contributed immeasurably to the development of the school, and
20 during his eight-year tenure, he oversaw increased enrollment,
21 expansion of the scholarship program, and numerous construction
22 projects, including the J. N. Ervin Religion and Culture Center,
23 two modern residence halls, and a 12-unit student/parent apartment
24 complex; moreover, the college received full title to all assets

1 held in trust, the ROTC program was established, and a joint program
2 between Jarvis and St. John's University Law School was approved
3 under his guidance; when he retired in 1988, he was named president
4 emeritus of the college; and

5 WHEREAS, A loving father, husband, and friend, Charles Berry
6 will be deeply missed but his tireless devotion to the Jarvis
7 community and the legacy of accomplishments that he leaves behind
8 will not soon be forgotten; now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
10 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the life of
11 Dr. Charles A. Berry, Jr., and extend deepest sympathy to his
12 family: to his wife, Sarah Berry; to his children, Charles Berry III
13 and Monica Berry; to his sister, Lillian Berry Hester; and to his
14 other relatives and many friends; and, be it further

15 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
16 prepared for the members of his family and that when the Texas House
17 of Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Dr.
18 Charles A. Berry, Jr.