

By: Jones of Dallas

H.R. No. 151

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Residents of Dallas lost an esteemed friend and
2 neighbor with the death of Geary F. Hill on October 16, 2004, at the
3 age of 63; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in Dallas in 1941, Mr. Hill began his longtime
5 employment with Lone Star Gas in 1966 as a custodian; despite the
6 fact that he had no formal training, he was soon recognized for his
7 interest and aptitude for computer work and was offered a job as a
8 computer operator, a position he ably filled for 21 years; at a time
9 when prejudice often prevented African Americans from advancing in
10 professional fields, the company was so impressed with Mr. Hill's
11 performance that he was promoted and frequently called on to train
12 his fellow employees when new equipment and new programs arrived,
13 and he was also sent to El Centro College to further his education
14 at the company's expense; and

15 WHEREAS, The first African American computer operator at his
16 place of business during a difficult period in race relations in our
17 nation's history, Geary Hill faced significant challenges during
18 his tenure, yet he not only persevered, he excelled; although he
19 will be sorely missed by all those who knew him, the legacy of
20 strength, dignity, professionalism, and determination that he
21 leaves behind will continue to inspire many others for years to
22 come; now, therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
24 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Geary F. Hill and

1 extend sincere sympathy to his family: to his wife of 43 years, G.
2 Virginia Hill; to his children, Denene, David, and Leonard Hill; to
3 his grandchildren, Delena Hill, Delinda Hill, and Jordan Clay
4 Jackson-Hill; and to his other relatives and friends; and, be it
5 further

6 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
7 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
8 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Geary F.
9 Hill.