

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, With the passing of the Honorable Thomas Anthony
2 Koriioth on May 29, 2004, at the age of 71, the State of Texas lost a
3 remarkable man, one who made a profound difference in the world
4 around him; and

5 WHEREAS, A native of Sherman and a graduate of St. Edward's
6 University and The University of Texas School of Law, Mr. Koriioth
7 was a champion of civil rights, a bold advocate for those in need,
8 and a lover of life in all its diversity; over the course of his
9 illustrious career, he served with the utmost distinction as a
10 legislator in the Texas House of Representatives from 1957 to 1961,
11 as assistant counsel to the United States Equal Employment
12 Opportunity Commission, and as a member of the Texas Industrial
13 Accident Board; and

14 WHEREAS, Mr. Koriioth fought wholeheartedly in behalf of the
15 disenfranchised, never backing down from a challenge in his
16 lifelong pursuit of social justice; he helped to ensure the "one
17 man, one vote" policy for all Texans, and as chairman of the
18 Governor's Task Force on Farm Workers' Compensation, he was key to
19 gaining precedent-setting compensation coverage for farm workers;
20 and

21 WHEREAS, A prolific speaker and author, Mr. Koriioth wrote *A*
22 *Guide to Texas Workers' Compensation* and *Digest of Workers'*
23 *Compensation Law*, and coauthored the *Texas Workers' Compensation*
24 *Desk Book*; in addition, he served as general counsel to the Texas

1 Municipal League Intergovernmental Risk Pool and counsel to Walker,
2 Bright and Lewis, P.C.; and

3 WHEREAS, Highly regarded as a mentor, Mr. Koriioth was claimed
4 as a dear friend by countless people; a teacher in every sense, he
5 served as a shining example of benevolence, charity, and activism,
6 and by touching the lives of so many, he has ensured that his life's
7 work will persevere; and

8 WHEREAS, Courageous and passionate, Tony Koriioth was a
9 trusted advocate for change, and although he will be deeply missed,
10 his memory will live on in the hearts of all who were privileged to
11 know him; now, therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
13 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of the Honorable Thomas
14 Anthony Koriioth and extend deepest sympathy to the members of his
15 family: to his wife, Claire; to his children, Tommy, William, John,
16 and Ann; and to all those who mourn the passing of this beloved
17 gentleman; and, be it further

18 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
19 prepared for the members of his family and that when the Texas House
20 of Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Thomas
21 Anthony Koriioth.

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H.R. No. 175

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 175 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on May 27, 2005.

Chief Clerk of the House