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H.R. No. 647

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Walter Johnson has been posthumously awarded a  
2 Martin Luther King, Jr., Humanitarian Award by the mayor of Alice,  
3 and his selection for this tribute provides a fitting opportunity  
4 to acknowledge his impressive commitment to his fellow Texans; and

5           WHEREAS, Beginning in 1981 and continuing until his passing  
6 in 1994, Mr. Johnson organized various gatherings in the community,  
7 including Christmas parties with a gift-giving Santa, Thanksgiving  
8 food drives, and Easter egg hunts; attendance at these popular  
9 events would be from 800 to 1,000 children, with helpers and  
10 donations recruited from private citizens and local businesses; and

11           WHEREAS, Drawn to helping anyone in need, but especially  
12 devoted to children, this kind man never wanted any child to feel  
13 left out; he exhibited a genuine love and respect for people and an  
14 unwavering dedication to his community and its children, and it is a  
15 privilege to join in remembering his legacy of giving; now,  
16 therefore, be it

17           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas  
18 Legislature hereby pay special tribute to the memory of Walter  
19 Johnson on the occasion of the presentation in his honor of a Martin  
20 Luther King, Jr., Humanitarian Award from the office of the mayor of  
21 Alice.