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H.R. No. 1044

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, With an impressive career in journalism and a record
2 of community service, George Bud Easter Johnson of Houston has made
3 an indelible impact on his community; and

4 WHEREAS, Born on January 7, 1934, in Houston, Bud Johnson
5 attended Carver High School and Texas Southern University, and
6 began working as a shipping clerk for the *Informer* and as a writer
7 for the *Reporter*; in 1955, he was promoted to cover the police beat
8 for the *Informer*, and he soon discovered he had a knack for sports
9 reporting and became one of the first African American
10 sportswriters for a daily newspaper; and

11 WHEREAS, In addition to writing a column for the *Houston*
12 *Press*, Mr. Johnson served as a correspondent for the *Houston Post*
13 and as sports editor and managing editor of the *Forward Times*, and
14 he founded his own publication, *Sports World*; he officially retired
15 in 1996 but continues to serve as managing editor emeritus of
16 *African American News & Issues*; and

17 WHEREAS, This noteworthy writer has also made important
18 contributions to his community by serving as a counselor of
19 troubled youth; he has received several awards for his service and
20 professionalism, including the Outstanding Black Texan Award for
21 professionals and the Volunteers in Public Schools Distinguished
22 "Living Historian" award; and

23 WHEREAS, A true original who has paved the way for many
24 aspiring African American journalists, Bud Johnson has served the

1 Houston area as a dedicated volunteer and as a trusted voice in the
2 news, and it is a pleasure to pay tribute to his accomplishments;
3 now, therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
5 Legislature hereby honor George Bud Easter Johnson for his
6 professional achievements and civic contributions and extend to him
7 sincere best wishes for health and happiness; and, be it further

8 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
9 prepared for Mr. Johnson as an expression of high regard by the
10 Texas House of Representatives.