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H.R. No. 1224

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 James Norman Whitlow of Dallas, who passed away on April  
4 11, 2005, at the age of 79; and

5           WHEREAS, Born to Anna Vaughns Franklin and Tucker Steven  
6 Whitlow on May 4, 1925, in Pilot Point, Mr. Whitlow graduated from  
7 Booker T. Washington High School in Dallas and later served his  
8 country during World War II as a member of the United States Army;  
9 and

10           WHEREAS, This esteemed Texan was a vital member of his  
11 community and gave of his time and talents to a host of  
12 organizations, including the Bertrand Neighborhood Association,  
13 Sharpshooter Sportsman's Club, and the Texas Black Caucus;  
14 moreover, he ably served the Dallas County Progressive League as  
15 its treasurer for more than 15 years and officiated as a Democratic  
16 precinct chair for over 20 years; and

17           WHEREAS, A devout member of True Lee Missionary Baptist  
18 Church in Dallas for more than 50 years, Mr. Whitlow drew great  
19 strength and sustenance from his faith and served the congregation  
20 as a layman; and

21           WHEREAS, James Whitlow will long be remembered for his  
22 integrity and strength of character, and although he will be  
23 greatly missed, his legacy will live on in the hearts of all those  
24 whose lives he so richly blessed with his love and friendship; now,

1 therefore, be it

2           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas  
3 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of James Norman Whitlow  
4 and extend deepest sympathy to the members of his family: to his  
5 children and their spouses, Norman and Susie Whitlow, Robert and  
6 Shirley Whitlow, Cheryl Whitlow Rhodes, and Donald and Marva  
7 Whitlow; to his siblings and their spouses, Andrew and Minnie  
8 Whitlow, Clifton and Bert Franklin, Mattie Franklin, Rex Franklin,  
9 and Judy and W. C. Sneed; to his stepchildren, Cheryl and Joe  
10 Wilson; to his 14 grandchildren and 26 great-grandchildren; and to  
11 his other relatives and friends; and, be it further

12           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
13 prepared for the members of his family and that when the Texas House  
14 of Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of James  
15 Norman Whitlow.