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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Words cannot adequately express the heartache felt  
2 by many people at the news of the tragic passing of Dell Wayne  
3 Watson, Jr., who died on November 19, 2004, at the age of 20; and

4           WHEREAS, Born in Austin, on October 24, 1984, Mr. Watson  
5 graduated from Stony Point High School, where he took honors  
6 classes, made excellent grades, and participated in various  
7 activities such as the Inter-Active Club, the Athletic Bible Study,  
8 the Rotary Club, the Boy Scouts, and the school band; with a  
9 long-standing love of football, he was a talented running back and  
10 the first African American to win Homecoming King and Prom King at  
11 Stony Point High School before graduation; and

12           WHEREAS, A sophomore at Texas Tech University in Lubbock, Mr.  
13 Watson was also very active in his church, City of Hope Church of  
14 God In Christ, where his father is pastor and where he participated  
15 in the Sunshine Band, purity class, church choir, and the usher  
16 board; an intelligent and caring man, he spoke eloquently about  
17 sports, movies, politics, and religion and looked out for others  
18 with a generous heart; and

19           WHEREAS, Mr. Watson's sensitivity emerged not only in his  
20 close relationships but also in his poetry: he was a talented writer  
21 and saw two of his poems published; during this painful time, his  
22 words are a true comfort to those who were privileged to know and  
23 love this gentle soul; now, therefore, be it

24           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas

1 Legislature hereby pay special tribute to the life of Dell Wayne  
2 Watson, Jr., and extend deepest sympathy to the members of his  
3 family: to his father, Dell Watson; to his mother, Noalie Watson; to  
4 his siblings, Tristan, Miesha, and Washaun Watson and Michelle  
5 Wallace; and to the many friends and relatives of this special young  
6 person; and, be it further

7         RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
8 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
9 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Dell Wayne  
10 Watson, Jr.