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H.R. No. 2187

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Residents of Dallas lost a beloved neighbor and
2 committed civic leader with the passing of Samuel William Hudson,
3 Jr., on May 21, 2005, at the age of 94; and

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Hudson was a tireless volunteer, dedicating
5 countless hours to serve on a host of boards and with more than 50
6 worthy organizations; a steadfast civil rights activist, he became
7 the first African American to serve on a Dallas grand jury, and his
8 efforts to desegregate his beloved hometown resulted in African
9 American students gaining admittance to SMU's School of Theology
10 and patients gaining admittance to Methodist Hospital; and

11 WHEREAS, In his notable professional life, Mr. Hudson served
12 tenures with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
13 and the Dallas Housing Authority, and as manager of Roseland Homes
14 and Edgar Ward housing projects, he helped to improve the quality of
15 life for innumerable families; and

16 WHEREAS, This graduate of Bishop College shared a long and
17 tender union with Ella Lois Johnson, and the couple were blessed
18 with five children before her passing; fortunate to find love a
19 second time, he married Geneva Anderson, and together they nurtured
20 a bond that grew stronger with each passing day; and

21 WHEREAS, A vibrant citizen who touched many lives through his
22 advocacy and service, Mr. Hudson will long be remembered as a
23 devoted family man, a cherished friend, and a leader who
24 contributed greatly to his community; now, therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
2 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Samuel William
3 Hudson, Jr., and extend deepest sympathy to the members of his
4 family: to his wife, Geneva Anderson Hudson; to his children, Mary
5 Lois Hudson Sweatt, former State Representative Sam Hudson III,
6 Estrellita Hudson Redus, Camellia Hudson Franklin, and Clifford
7 Johnson Hudson; and to his other relatives and many friends; and, be
8 it further

9 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
10 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
11 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Samuel
12 William Hudson, Jr.