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H.C.R. No. 79

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The death of Bishop Rhymes H. Moncure, Jr., on
2 August 19, 2006, has brought great sadness to his many friends and
3 admirers; and

4 WHEREAS, Bishop Moncure reached people's hearts through his
5 warm manner and generosity of spirit; he preferred hugging to
6 shaking hands, made time to visit people in crisis, and began a
7 ritual of washing the feet of new pastors during ordination
8 services; and

9 WHEREAS, Born in Oakland, California, Bishop Moncure
10 received advanced degrees in ministry and spent 32 years as a parish
11 pastor before his election as bishop in 2000; he first served in
12 that role in Nebraska, before heading the 160,000-member North
13 Texas Conference, which included supervising 325 congregations;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, In addition to his church responsibilities, this
16 notable leader was a Southern Methodist University trustee and a
17 director of the United Methodist Church Board of Global Ministries,
18 in which capacity he chaired the Africa, Europe, and Middle East
19 Section; and

20 WHEREAS, Bishop Moncure has left behind an immeasurable
21 legacy of service to others, and his memory will long inspire those
22 who shared in his love and friendship; now, therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED, That the 80th Legislature of the State of Texas
24 hereby pay tribute to the life of Bishop Rhymes H. Moncure, Jr., and

1 extend sincere sympathy to the members of his family: to his wife,
2 Jewell Moncure; to his children, Roxanne Moncure and Jason Moncure;
3 to his brother, Robert Moncure; to his two grandsons; and to his
4 other relatives and many friends; and, be it further

5 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
6 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
7 Representatives and Senate adjourn this day, they do so in memory of
8 Bishop Rhymes H. Moncure, Jr.