

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Malcom Thomas, Sr., of Eagle Lake passed away on
2 December 5, 2006, at the age of 40, and his untimely death has left a
3 void in the lives of those who knew and loved him; and

4 WHEREAS, A lifelong resident of Eagle Lake and a valued
5 employee of the LCRA, "Mike" Thomas was born on September 24, 1966;
6 as a youth, he confessed to Christ as a member of White Cloud
7 Baptist Church, where he later served as a deacon and as co-chairman
8 of the White Cloud Baptist Church Deacon Board; and

9 WHEREAS, After graduating from Rice High School in 1985, Mr.
10 Thomas worked as a school bus driver for Rice ISD for many years; on
11 June 10, 1989, he married the former Marsha McTear, and their union
12 was blessed with three children: Macelsey, Machelsea, and Malcom
13 Thomas, Jr.; and

14 WHEREAS, Mr. Thomas joined the staff of the LCRA as an
15 apprentice and steadily rose through the ranks to become an
16 irrigation coordinator and, ultimately, a crew leader in the
17 Lakeside Irrigation District; he managed the seven-member staff of
18 the Lakeside canal system and operated a section of the canal; and

19 WHEREAS, A hard-working family man, Mr. Thomas was passionate
20 about contributing to the betterment of his community and often
21 sought out volunteer opportunities; notably, he was the first
22 African American to volunteer with the Eagle Lake Fire Department;
23 and

24 WHEREAS, Mr. Thomas was devout in his faith and was an active

1 member of Providence Baptist Church, where he was a deacon and choir
2 member; his generosity and strength of character endeared him to
3 many during his time on this earth, and the light of his memory will
4 continue to shine in the hearts of his friends and loved ones; now,
5 therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
7 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Malcom Thomas, Sr.,
8 and extend deepest sympathy to the members of his family: to his
9 wife, Marsha Thomas; to his daughters, Macelsey and Machelsea
10 Thomas; to his son, Malcom Thomas, Jr.; to his mother, Earleen
11 Upson; to his sisters and brothers-in-law, Aberleen Lemons,
12 Marcella Foster and her husband, Arthur, Ruby Johnson, and Odessa
13 Thomas and her husband, David; to his brothers and sisters-in-law,
14 Jessie Upson and his wife, Diane, Cordis Upson and his wife,
15 Carlene, Oliver Thomas and his wife, Catherine, Raymond Thomas, and
16 Edward Thomas and his wife, Eve; to his mother- and father-in-law,
17 Deacon Alex and Debra Woolridge; to his aunts, Betty Jean Pettus,
18 Ruby C. King, Lillie Mae Johnson, Castella Hall, and Arie Lee
19 Spears; to his uncle, Frank Pettus; to his goddaughters, Destinee
20 Jackson, Monica Barrow, Shanique Williams, and Kendall Bailey; to
21 his godsons, Tremaine McGrew, Desmond Thomas, Jaelan Crawford, and
22 Jordan Johnson; to his good friend, Pastor Dave Curry; and to the
23 other relatives and many friends of this beloved man; and, be it
24 further

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1 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
2 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
3 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Malcom
4 Thomas, Sr.

Cook of Colorado

H.R. No. 175

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 175 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on February 22, 2007.

Chief Clerk of the House