

By: Cook of Colorado

H.R. No. 175

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; as  
6 a youth, he confessed to Christ as a member of White Cloud Baptist  
7 Church, where he later served as a deacon and as co-chairman of the  
8 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

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.