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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The city of Fort Worth lost an admired community
2 leader with the passing of Frank Wallace on January 15, 2007, at the
3 age of 86; and

4 WHEREAS, A native of Fort Worth born on January 2, 1921, Frank
5 Wallace received his education at the city's public schools and was
6 a proud graduate of I. M. Terrell High School; and

7 WHEREAS, Mr. Wallace was a renowned union activist and
8 organizer who first became involved in labor issues in the
9 mid-1940s, when he worked at a meatpacking plant and became a shop
10 steward and a union field representative; by the time Mr. Wallace
11 retired in 1984, he had worked for three international unions; his
12 service was highlighted by his tenure as assistant director for
13 District 6 of the United Food and Commercial Workers Union and by
14 his work as an international representative for the AFL-CIO,
15 serving more than 50 local unions in seven states; the dedication he
16 exhibited in his work was honored with his induction into the Texas
17 Labor Hall of Fame in 1998; and

18 WHEREAS, Frank Wallace was also a prominent figure in the
19 NAACP, serving as a member of its board of directors and as chair of
20 the Labor and Industry Committee; his lifetime of service to the
21 Fort Worth/Tarrant County branch of the association was honored in
22 2003, when he received the George D. Flemmings Award; and

23 WHEREAS, Other political and civic activities contributed to
24 Mr. Wallace's reputation as a leader in Fort Worth's African

1 American community; he belonged to the Coalition of Black Democrats
2 and the Minority Leaders and Citizens Council, and he was a member
3 and vice chair of the Greater Fort Worth Martin Luther King, Jr.,
4 Holiday Committee; and

5 WHEREAS, Well known for his outstanding bass singing voice,
6 Mr. Wallace performed with the male chorus at Shiloh Missionary
7 Baptist Church in Fort Worth, where he was a lifelong congregant and
8 a church trustee; he also dedicated a great deal of time to other
9 community organizations, including the Masonic Rainbow Lodge No.
10 345, the Commission on Aging, and the A. Philip Randolph Institute,
11 and he served as vice president of the I. M. Terrell Alumni
12 Association for many years; devoted to preserving the historical
13 legacy of Fort Worth's African American community, he was a member
14 of the board of directors for both the Tarrant County Black
15 Historical and Genealogical Society and the Tarrant County
16 Historical Commission; and

17 WHEREAS, Whether raising his magnificent voice in song or to
18 speak out on important issues, Frank Wallace was an inspiring
19 figure who was a passionate advocate for the citizens of North
20 Texas, and his contributions will long be remembered; now,
21 therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
23 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Frank Wallace and
24 extend deepest sympathy to his family: to his wife, Helen; to his
25 son, Anthony; to his daughter-in-law, Paulette; to his
26 grandchildren, Kenda and Karis; and to his other relatives and
27 friends; and, be it 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 Frank
4 Wallace.