

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, With the passing of Robert Vance Payne on March 1,  
2 2007, the people of Center have lost a beloved community leader, and  
3 we join them in mourning their loss; and

4           WHEREAS, Born on August 13, 1941, in Shreveport, Louisiana,  
5 Mr. Payne graduated from Center High School in 1959 and from Stephen  
6 F. Austin State University in 1963; and

7           WHEREAS, For many years, Mr. Payne helped to run his family's  
8 business, Payne-Payne Hardware 'n Suchlike, which operated in  
9 downtown Center from 1915 until 1996; he also oversaw *Payne's*  
10 *Community News*, founded by his parents in 1949, and served as the  
11 announcer for many years for the Center Roughrider football games;  
12 and

13           WHEREAS, This active and valued resident of East Texas was a  
14 past president of both the Shelby County Chamber of Commerce and the  
15 Southwest Hardware and Implement Association; a member of the  
16 Center Noon Lions Club, he also participated in the 2007 class of  
17 Leadership Shelby County; and

18           WHEREAS, Mr. Payne cherished his faith and was a lifelong  
19 congregant of First United Methodist Church of Center, where he  
20 served in a number of leadership capacities and participated in the  
21 Chancel Choir for more than four decades; and

22           WHEREAS, Above all else, he was devoted to his wife, Billie  
23 Sue, his children, Angela, Rob, and Joshua, and his grandchildren,  
24 Jennifer, Hannah, and Hunter; and

1           WHEREAS, Although his death has brought great sorrow to those  
2 who loved him, Vance Payne has left behind many fond memories that  
3 friends and family will forever treasure; now, therefore, be it

4           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas  
5 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Robert Vance Payne and  
6 extend deepest sympathy to the members of his family: to his wife,  
7 Billie Sue Payne; to his daughter, Angela Walker, and her husband,  
8 Kevin; to his sons, Rob Payne and his wife, Kim, and Joshua Vance  
9 Payne; to his grandchildren, Jennifer, Hannah, and Hunter Walker;  
10 to his sister, Lee Gayle Lunsford, and her husband, Chuck; and to  
11 his other relatives and many friends; and, be it further

12           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
13 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
14 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Robert  
15 Vance Payne.

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H.R. No. 970

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 970 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on April 5, 2007.

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Chief Clerk of the House