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RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Randal P. Jones Park in Houston is being rededicated

in honor of civic leader Richard Brock during a special ceremony on

3 March 31, 2007; and

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4 WHEREAS, The First Ward Civic Association and Avenue

5 Community Development Corporation recently came together in an

effort to pay tribute to the many contributions of Richard Brock;

the groups lobbied the City of Houston and on January 31, 2007, the

8 park was officially renamed; and

9 WHEREAS, One of the first African American lawmakers in the

Bayou City, Richard Brock served as alderman for Houston's First

and Fourth Wards; he owned and operated Brock's Blacksmith Shop and

contributed greatly to his community, helping to found two local

churches, a school, a park, and the first Masonic lodge in the city

14 for African Americans; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Brock left an indelible imprint on the city of

Houston, and the efforts of the First Ward Civic Association and

17 Avenue CDC have ensured that his legacy will not soon be forgotten;

18 now, therefore, be it

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RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
Legislature hereby commemorate the rededication of Randal P. Jones
Park in honor of Richard Brock and commend the members of the First
Ward Civic Association and Avenue Community Development
Corporation for committing their time and energy to this worthwhile
endeavor.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1008 was adopted by the House on March 26, 2007, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House