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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Randal P. Jones Park in Houston is being rededicated
2 in honor of civic leader Richard Brock during a special ceremony on
3 March 31, 2007; and

4 WHEREAS, The First Ward Civic Association and Avenue
5 Community Development Corporation recently came together in an
6 effort to pay tribute to the many contributions of Richard Brock;
7 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
10 Bayou City, Richard Brock served as alderman for Houston's First
11 and Fourth Wards; he owned and operated Brock's Blacksmith Shop and
12 contributed greatly to his community, helping to found two local
13 churches, a school, a park, and the first Masonic lodge in the city
14 for African Americans; and

15 WHEREAS, Mr. Brock left an indelible imprint on the city of
16 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

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