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H.R. No. 422

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A full and generous life came to an end with the
2 passing of Clarence Bryant of San Antonio, who died on February 26,
3 2008, at the age of 81; and

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Bryant was born on April 12, 1926, and grew up in
5 a small community outside of Houston; at the age of 17, he joined
6 his cousin in San Antonio in order to look for employment; and

7 WHEREAS, Through hard work and initiative, Mr. Bryant became
8 a successful entrepreneur; in 1963, he and his friend and business
9 partner, Bennie Norris, opened an automobile repair shop; and

10 WHEREAS, The success of that venture led to Mr. Bryant's
11 creation of other businesses, including a car wash and the first
12 African American-owned coin-operated laundry on the east side of
13 San Antonio; and

14 WHEREAS, Mr. Bryant became a leader in his community,
15 providing jobs to many young people over the years and strongly
16 encouraging them to pursue an education; and

17 WHEREAS, Through his perseverance and unwavering commitment
18 to customer service, Clarence Bryant saw his dream of business
19 ownership fulfilled several times over; although this esteemed
20 gentleman is deeply missed, the memory of his good humor and
21 invaluable contributions to his community will long endure with all
22 who knew him; now, therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
24 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Clarence Bryant and

1 extend sincere condolences to the members of his family: to his
2 wife, Cindy; to his son, Derek Charles Bryant; to his sisters, Ora
3 Lee McFarlane and Lillian Garcia; and to his other relatives and
4 friends; and, be it further

5 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
6 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
7 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Clarence
8 Bryant.