

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Memories of a life filled with joyful times and
2 meaningful accomplishments remain to comfort the family and friends
3 of Ben Randle, Jr., of San Antonio, who passed away on December 4,
4 2008, at the age of 83; and

5 WHEREAS, Ben Randle, Jr., was born to Ben and Carrie Randle of
6 Wichita Falls on April 25, 1925; he graduated from Peabody High
7 School in Hillsboro and joined Wade Chapel at a young age, beginning
8 what would become a lifelong association with the African Methodist
9 Episcopal Church; and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. Randle answered his nation's call to duty by
11 joining the U.S. Navy in September 1943, and he was decorated
12 several times for his valor in the Pacific theater; he enrolled in
13 Langston University after the war and met the former Rita Belle
14 Cotton, with whom he would enjoy more than 57 years of loving
15 marriage; Mr. Randle earned a bachelor of science degree in
16 industrial arts and lettered in band at Langston, and he furthered
17 his education with postgraduate work at Oklahoma State University
18 and the University of the Incarnate Word in San Antonio; and

19 WHEREAS, After leaving college, Mr. Randle taught industrial
20 arts and band in Oklahoma; a few years later, he returned to serve
21 the armed forces as a jet engine instructor for the U.S. Air Force,
22 earning his master instructor rating and going on to obtain his
23 instructor of instructors license at Chanute Air Force Base in
24 Illinois; Mr. Randle began teaching for the education department of

1 the air force in 1967 and continued in that capacity until his
2 retirement in 1986, having served for more than three decades and
3 earned multiple Civilian of the Year awards; and

4 WHEREAS, An expert mentor with a natural gift for imparting
5 life's lessons, Mr. Randle counseled troubled children and adults
6 throughout his life; following his retirement, he lent his talents
7 to the San Antonio Alliance of Business, helping facilitate
8 employment for at-risk individuals; and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. Randle was also an avid airman, belonging to the
10 Air Force Aerial Club and the Bronze Eagles Flying Club of Texas,
11 and he worked extensively with the Bronze Eagles and the
12 Davis-Scott YMCA to interest minority youth in the field of flying;
13 he loved gardening and frequently gave his vegetables to friends
14 and neighbors, and he was a master of the tenor saxophone who at one
15 time led his own jazz ensemble; and

16 WHEREAS, This notable Texan was a longstanding member of the
17 Bronze Eagles, the Black Pilots Association, and the Sunset Hunting
18 and Fishing Club, and he spent five decades as a scoutmaster and
19 scout council member with the Boy Scouts of America; he was a member
20 of Bethel A.M.E. Church in San Antonio, where he worked diligently
21 for the scout ministry, and was a former leader of the San Antonio
22 chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.; and

23 WHEREAS, Beloved by his family and friends, Ben Randle was
24 respected by all who knew him, and although he is deeply missed, his
25 spirit lives on through the many positive contributions he made in
26 service to others; now, therefore, be it

27 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas

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1 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Ben Randle, Jr., and
2 extend sincere sympathy to the members of his family: to his wife,
3 Rita Belle Cotton Randle; to his cousins; to his nieces; and to his
4 other relatives and 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 Ben Randle,
8 Jr.

McClendon

Straus	Gattis	Menendez
Allen	Geren	Merritt
Alonzo	Giddings	Miklos
Alvarado	Gonzales	Miller of Comal
Anchia	Gonzalez Toureilles	Miller of Erath
Anderson	Guillen	Moody
Aycock	Gutierrez	Morrison
Berman	Hamilton	Naishtat
Bohac	Hancock	Oliveira
Bolton	Hardcastle	Olivo
Bonnen	Harless	Orr
Branch	Harper-Brown	Ortiz, Jr.
Brown of Kaufman	Hartnett	Otto
Brown of Brazos	Heflin	Parker
Burnam	Hernandez	Patrick
Button	Herrero	Paxton
Callegari	Hilderbran	Peña
Castro	Hochberg	Phillips
Chavez	Hodge	Pickett
Chisum	Homer	Pierson
Christian	Hopson	Pitts
Cohen	Howard of Fort Bend	Quintanilla
Coleman	Howard of Travis	Raymond
Cook	Hughes	Riddle
Corte	Hunter	Rios Ybarra
Crabb	Isett	Ritter
Craddick	Jackson	Rodriguez
Creighton	Jones	Rose
Crownover	Keffer	Sheffield
Darby	Kent	Shelton
Davis of Harris	King of Parker	Smith of Tarrant
Davis of Dallas	King of Taylor	Smith of Harris
Deshotel	King of Zavala	Smithee
Driver	Kleinschmidt	Solomons
Dukes	Kolkhorst	Strama
Dunnam	Kuempel	Swinford
Dutton	Laubenberg	Taylor
Edwards	Legler	Thibaut
Eiland	Leibowitz	Thompson
Eissler	Lewis	Truitt
Elkins	Lucio III	Turner of Tarrant
England	Madden	Turner of Harris
Farabee	Maldonado	Vaught
Farias	Mallory Caraway	Veasey
Farrar	Marquez	Villarreal
Fletcher	Martinez	Vo
Flores	Martinez Fischer	Walle
Flynn	McCall	Weber
Frost	McClendon	Woolley
Gallego	McReynolds	Zerwas

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 424 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on February 26, 2009.

Chief Clerk of the House