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H.R. No. 1054

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A life made rich through meaningful service drew to
2 a close when Amos James Evans of Port Arthur died on February 12,
3 2009, at the age of 86; and

4 WHEREAS, Amos Evans was born in Louisiana on May 11, 1922, to
5 Charlie and Florence Evans; he was a student at Acadian Parish
6 Training School, where he participated in the band, the boxing
7 team, and the basketball team, and he later attended LaSalle
8 Business Correspondence Institute; answering his nation's call to
9 duty, he served in the U.S. Navy during World War II; and

10 WHEREAS, After the war, Mr. Evans settled in Port Arthur and
11 went to work as an operator at the Gulf Oil refinery; he retired
12 after 37 years of service with the company; and

13 WHEREAS, Throughout his life, Mr. Evans was a champion for
14 civil rights, social justice, and equal opportunity in his
15 community; the youth director of the local chapter of the NAACP, he
16 served on its membership committee and developed a Saturday reading
17 program for children at the chapter headquarters; and

18 WHEREAS, Mr. Evans was also active in his community as
19 president of the PTA and as a member of the Valero Community
20 Advisory Panel and the Port Arthur Industry and Community Leaders
21 Advisory Group; moreover, he served on the boards of the YMCA and
22 the Port Arthur Housing Authority; and

23 WHEREAS, A man of strong religious faith, he was a member of
24 St. Paul United Methodist Church for 68 years and served his

1 congregation as a lay leader, a trustee, president of the choir, and
2 Sunday school superintendent and teacher; and

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Evans received numerous accolades through the
4 years, including the Congressional Community Award, the American
5 Institute for Public Service Jefferson Award, the Unsung Hero
6 Award, and an entry in *Who's Who Among Black Americans*; he was also
7 recognized by such organizations as Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, the
8 Golden Triangle Coalition of Black Democrats, and the Golden Gate
9 Social and Civic Club, among many others; and

10 WHEREAS, This caring and compassionate gentleman dedicated
11 himself to serving others and to upholding the principles of
12 equality and justice in which he believed, and he leaves behind an
13 inspiring legacy of achievement that his loved ones can remember
14 with pride; now, therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
16 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Amos James Evans and
17 extend sincere condolences to the members of his family: to his
18 wife, Carolyn Simon Evans; to his daughter, Winnifred Evans-Barker;
19 to his sons, Karim Abdullah and his wife, Hanneefah, Muhammad
20 Abdullah and his wife, Helena, and Wendell Evans; to his
21 granddaughters, Nadria Turner, Yhana Comeaux, Dichel Gant, Karima
22 Rice, Rhonda Thomas, Hana Abdullah, Halimah Price, Donna Powell,
23 and Iona Eaglin; to his grandsons, Morris Abdullah, Musemah Rashad
24 Abdullah, Adonis Evans, Wesley Evans, and Lawrence Augustine; to
25 his sister-in-law, Phyllis Morris, and her husband, William; to his
26 sister, Nettie Wycoff Evans; to his brother, George Evans, and his
27 wife, Pearline; to his nephew, Brian Harrison; to his 20

1 great-grandchildren; and to his other relatives and many friends;
2 and, be it further

3 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
4 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
5 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Amos James
6 Evans.