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H.R. No. 1258

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The city of Fort Worth lost an esteemed spiritual
2 and civic leader with the passing of the Reverend Dr. Cedric Deon
3 Britt of Mount Gilead Baptist Church on March 13, 2009, at the age
4 of 56; and

5 WHEREAS, Born on August 29, 1952, to Samuel and Willie Pearl
6 Chambers Britt in Dallas, Cedric Britt graduated from Lincoln High
7 School and discovered his calling to the ministry at the age of 17;
8 he served as pastor of Koinonia Baptist Church in Indiana for four
9 years and came to Fort Worth in 1979 to preach at historic Mount
10 Gilead; his inspired work in leading the church made him one of the
11 most respected ministers in the area, and he was renowned for his
12 intellect and his masterful skill as an orator; and

13 WHEREAS, Dr. Britt earned his bachelor's degree at Bishop
14 College and graduated from Southwestern Baptist Theological
15 Seminary; he was the recipient of an honorary doctorate of divinity
16 and studied at Regent's Park College at the University of Oxford;
17 and

18 WHEREAS, This influential pastor involved himself locally
19 with numerous community and religious organizations, including the
20 Baptist Ministers Union, the Interdenominational Ministers
21 Alliance of Fort Worth, and the Citizens and Minority Business
22 Leaders of Tarrant County, and he served as president of the Fort
23 Worth chapter of People United to Save Humanity; at the regional and
24 national levels, Dr. Britt served as a member of the board for the

1 National Baptist Congress of Christian Workers and for Rotary
2 International, and he associated himself in various capacities with
3 the National Baptist Congress of Christian Education, the
4 Progressive National Baptist Convention, USA, and the Southern
5 Baptist Convention; for the past 13 years, he preached at the
6 National Baptist Convention of America, and he was life member of
7 the NAACP; and

8 WHEREAS, A dedicated family man, Dr. Britt enjoyed the love
9 and support of his wife, the former Joyce Hall, in all of his
10 endeavors; the couple shared 31 rewarding years of marriage and
11 became the parents of two children, Karen Britt and Cedric Deon
12 Britt, Jr., who preceded his father in death; and

13 WHEREAS, The Reverend Cedric Britt dedicated his life to his
14 faith and his family, and he leaves behind a legacy that will
15 continue to inspire all those who were privileged to know him; now,
16 therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
18 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of the Reverend Dr.
19 Cedric Deon Britt and extend sincere sympathy to the members of his
20 family: to his wife, Joyce Britt; to his daughter, Karen Alexandria
21 Britt; to his mother, Willie Pearl Britt; to his brother, Samuel C.
22 Britt; to his mother-in-law, Margie Hall; and to his other
23 relatives and many friends; and, be it further

24 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
25 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
26 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Reverend
27 Britt.