

By: Dutton

H.R. No. 1751

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The friends and family of Ulysses Jones of Houston  
2 are mourning the loss of this beloved neighbor and admired church  
3 leader who passed away on March 16, 2009, at the age of 91; and

4           WHEREAS, Born on May 18, 1917, to Sam and Viola Bernard Jones  
5 in Bunkie, Louisiana, Ulysses Jones was the youngest of four  
6 children and spent his early years in the nearby town of Marksville;  
7 he joined the Congregational St. John Baptist Church at an early  
8 age, beginning a lifelong journey of spiritual devotion; and

9           WHEREAS, Mr. Jones met the love of his life, the former Eunice  
10 Barton, while living in Marksville, and though he later moved to  
11 Houston, he returned to Louisiana to marry his beloved in 1942; Mr.  
12 and Mrs. Jones settled in Houston and enjoyed 66 rewarding years of  
13 matrimony; the couple raised a cherished family that included 6  
14 children, Ernest, Nobleton, Hannah, Ulysses, Eddie, and Marie, as  
15 well as 11 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren; and

16           WHEREAS, A dedicated man of faith, Mr. Jones was a member of  
17 Mt. Horem Baptist Church in Houston before joining Mt. Ararat  
18 Missionary Baptist Church; he was ordained as a deacon at Mt. Ararat  
19 in the mid-1950s and served ably in that capacity for more than half  
20 a century; and

21           WHEREAS, Ulysses Jones lived a full and generous life filled  
22 with meaningful achievements, and he leaves his loved ones with  
23 countless treasured memories of the happy times spent in his  
24 company; now, therefore, be it

1           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas  
2 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Ulysses Jones and  
3 extend sincere sympathy to the members of his family: to his wife of  
4 66 years, Eunice Barton Jones; to his children, Ernest Jones and his  
5 wife, Birdie, Nobleton B. Jones and his wife, Lee Esther, Hannah  
6 Smith and her husband, Harvey, Ulysses S. Jones and his wife,  
7 Janice, Eddie Jones and his wife, Stephanie, and Marie Mure and her  
8 husband, Charles; to his adopted son, Julius Houston; to his  
9 grandchildren, Zanetta Traham and her husband, Dana, Nobleton F.  
10 Jones and his wife, Carrie, Devin Jones, Shunika Ward and her  
11 husband, Lathawn, Harvey and Haven Smith, Eddie Jones II, Ulysses  
12 S. Jones II, Jonathan and Joel Jones, and Camille Mure; to his  
13 great-grandchildren, Elizabeth Traham, Ellis Allums, and Jazmine  
14 Ward; to his aunt, Ella Mae Washington; to his sisters-in-law,  
15 Doris Bates and Margie Jones; to his godchild, Bobbie Jean Johnson  
16 and her husband, Rufus; to his special cousin, Delores Johnson; to  
17 his nieces and nephews; and to his other relatives and friends; and,  
18 be it further

19           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
20 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
21 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Ulysses  
22 Jones.