

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A life made rich by meaningful service to our nation  
2 was tragically cut short with the death of Vernon Hunter of Cedar  
3 Park on February 18, 2010; and

4 WHEREAS, A longtime employee of the Internal Revenue Service,  
5 Mr. Hunter was killed during an attack on the IRS headquarters in  
6 the Echelon Building in Austin; and

7 WHEREAS, Vernon Hunter was raised in Orangeburg, South  
8 Carolina; at the age of two months, he was adopted by another family  
9 named Jackson, and though he kept his original surname, he and his  
10 four adoptive brothers often called themselves "the Other Jackson  
11 Five"; and

12 WHEREAS, Answering his nation's call to duty, Mr. Hunter  
13 joined the U.S. Army in 1959 and served for two decades, including  
14 two tours of duty in Vietnam in the late 1960s; he impressed his  
15 fellow soldiers with his calm, measured manner and his dedication  
16 to his duty; and

17 WHEREAS, Following his military service, he worked for a time  
18 as a substitute teacher in El Paso before he was recruited by the  
19 IRS; he worked for the agency for 27 years, and in the mid-1990s he  
20 joined the Austin office, where he was a highly respected manager;  
21 and

22 WHEREAS, Mr. Hunter was devoted to his family and his faith  
23 and was a member of the usher board at the Greater Mount Zion  
24 Baptist Church; he was an avid fan of the Washington Redskins

1 football team and of Texas barbecue; and

2 WHEREAS, In recognition of Mr. Hunter's lifetime of service,  
3 the Federal Employees Education and Assistance Fund and the  
4 National Treasury Employees Union have established the Vernon  
5 Hunter Memorial Scholarship, which will award \$5,000 every year to  
6 a federal employee or dependent who demonstrates outstanding  
7 achievement in academics and community service; and

8 WHEREAS, Vernon Hunter's commitment, compassion, and  
9 integrity were an inspiration to many people, and his contributions  
10 as a soldier, a civil servant, and a caring member of the community  
11 will continue to be remembered and admired for years to come; now,  
12 therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas  
14 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Vernon Hunter and  
15 extend sincere condolences to the members of his family: to his  
16 wife, Valerie Hunter; to his children, Donald, Ken, and Christine;  
17 to his grandchildren, Don, Jolene, Lutisia, Sienna, Quinn,  
18 Savannah, and Athena; to his great-granddaughter, Anastasia; to his  
19 stepchildren, Justin, Crystin, and Tara Jackson; and to his other  
20 relatives and friends; and, be it further

21 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
22 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
23 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Vernon  
24 Hunter.

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H.R. No. 187

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 187 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on February 24, 2011.

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Chief Clerk of the House