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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A full and generous life drew to a close with the
2 passing of Major Marcus Marion Davis, Jr. (Ret.), of San Antonio on
3 July 16, 2010, at the age of 74; and

4 WHEREAS, Marcus Davis was born in Birmingham, Alabama, on
5 July 1, 1936, to Marcus Davis, Sr., and Winfred Woods Davis; he
6 received his early education at Chambliss Children's House, the
7 laboratory school of the Tuskegee Institute; after graduating from
8 Tuskegee High School, he studied at the Tuskegee Institute and went
9 on to attend Tennessee State University; and

10 WHEREAS, In 1959, he answered his nation's call to duty and
11 enlisted in the U.S. Army; two years later, he resumed his studies
12 at Tennessee State, graduating in 1965 with a bachelor's degree in
13 chemistry and a commission as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Air
14 Force; he continued to pursue his education while serving in the
15 military, and he received a master's degree from Webster
16 University; and

17 WHEREAS, He got married in the mid-1960s, and he and his wife,
18 Mary, shared a fulfilling relationship for 44 years that was
19 further enriched by the addition of a daughter, Marnice; and

20 WHEREAS, Marcus Davis retired from a 20-year career with the
21 Air Force in 1985, having earned the rank of major and having served
22 as the liaison for social action and diversity training at Lackland
23 Air Force Base; he then worked for the San Antonio Metropolitan
24 Health District for a decade; and

1 WHEREAS, Major Davis was initiated into the Alpha Theta
2 Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity in 1956, and he remained an
3 active member of the organization for the rest of his life; among
4 his leadership roles were polemarch of the San Antonio Alumni
5 Chapter and founding member and executive assistant of the
6 International Kappa Khorus, from which he received an award for
7 distinguished service at the 75th Grand Chapter Meeting in
8 Washington, D.C.; and

9 WHEREAS, A man of strong faith, Major Davis further
10 distinguished himself through his involvement at St. Philip's
11 Episcopal Church in San Antonio, where in addition to serving on the
12 vestry, he was president of the choir and a member of the pastoral
13 search committee; he expressed his concern for others as a
14 volunteer for the Living Stones Ministries, which aided the poor in
15 downtown San Antonio; and

16 WHEREAS, Although Marcus Davis is deeply missed, he leaves
17 behind a legacy of devotion to his family, his community, and his
18 country that continues to inspire all those who knew and loved him;
19 now, therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
21 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Major Marcus Marion
22 Davis, Jr., and extend sincere condolences to the members of his
23 family: to his wife, Mary; to his daughter, Marnice; to his
24 brothers, Lieutenant Colonel Matthew W. Davis (Ret.) and his wife,
25 Celestel, and Lieutenant General Russell C. Davis (Ret.) and his
26 wife, Shirley; to his aunts, Gwendolyn Woods Butler and Edythe
27 Cherry; to his godchildren, Taylor Davis and Renee Saylor; and to

1 his other relatives and friends; and, be it further

2 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
3 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
4 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Major
5 Marcus Marion Davis, Jr.