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H.R. No. 772

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A full and generous life drew to a close with the
2 death of James Edward Barrs of Houston on February 6, 2011, at the
3 age of 61; and

4 WHEREAS, Born on January 14, 1950, James Barrs enjoyed the
5 companionship of two sisters and two brothers while growing up in
6 the Fifth Ward and Pleasantville communities in the Bayou City; he
7 excelled at a host of activities in his youth and was a standout
8 football player at Phillis Wheatley High School, Napa Valley
9 College, and Texas Southern University; and

10 WHEREAS, James Barrs met his wife, the former Jacqueline
11 "Sweetie" Landry, while in high school, and the couple shared a
12 rewarding marriage of some four decades; blessed with two beloved
13 children, Mr. Barrs relished his roles as husband and father; and

14 WHEREAS, A gifted leader, Mr. Barrs enjoyed a successful
15 career as a project manager, and he established many cherished
16 friendships with his colleagues at GB Biosciences, ExxonMobil, and
17 Hudson Engineering; and

18 WHEREAS, This esteemed Texan believed deeply in the
19 importance of education and academic excellence; through his
20 affiliation with the 100 Black Catholic Men and Women organization,
21 he worked on many projects to fund scholarships for Catholic youth;
22 in addition to his philanthropic work, he loved travel and family
23 vacations, and he was a lifelong connoisseur of jazz; and

24 WHEREAS, With his strong faith and zest for life, James Barrs

1 lived a caring and purposeful life, and he will forever hold a
2 treasured place in the hearts of those who were privileged to know
3 him; now, therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
5 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of James Edward Barrs
6 and extend sincere condolences to the members of his family: to his
7 wife, Jacqueline Barrs; to his children, James Edward Barrs II and
8 Tracie Nicole Barrs; to his mother and stepfather, Mary and Lloyd
9 James; to his brothers, John Charles Barrs and Dr. Lloyd James and
10 his wife, Viola; to his sister, Ethel Mayweather, and her husband,
11 Arthur; and to his many other relatives and friends; and, be it
12 further

13 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
14 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
15 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of James
16 Edward Barrs.