

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A life made rich through meaningful service drew to
2 a close when Felix Derwyn Cook of Houston passed away on February
3 21, 2011, at the age of 59; and

4 WHEREAS, Born on March 7, 1951, to Felix Lopez Cook and Opal
5 Augusta Ross Cook, Mr. Cook attended public school in the Bayou City
6 and graduated from Phillis Wheatley High School; he received a
7 bachelor of business administration degree in management from Texas
8 A&M University--Kingsville; and

9 WHEREAS, Over the course of his 27-year career with
10 Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, Felix Cook set a standard of
11 excellence in the workplace, forged many friendships with his
12 colleagues, and took pride in his role as systems administrator for
13 the creation of the E-911 database because of its potential to save
14 lives; and

15 WHEREAS, Mr. Cook's strong faith sustained him through the
16 years, beginning with his childhood affiliation with Trinity
17 Gardens First Baptist Church; kind and caring, this generous
18 individual actively supported charities such as Bread of Life,
19 which he led as president; he also served as president of the
20 Houston Chapter of NETWORK; and

21 WHEREAS, Though it is impossible to gauge the full effect of
22 one man's life, some individuals leave their unmistakable mark on
23 the world as they move through it, and Felix Cook was indeed one
24 such person; now, therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
2 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Felix Derwyn Cook
3 and extend sincere sympathy to the members of his family: to his
4 wife of 36 years, Jeri Lyn Cook; to his daughter, Cassye DomiNique
5 Cook; to his stepdaughter, Shannon Dione Grigsby; to his father,
6 Felix Cook; to his mother-in-law, Winnie Mauryne Grigsby; to his
7 step-grandson, Nicolas Spenser Grigsby; to his brother, Dwayne
8 Butler Cook; to his sister, Alecia Davis; and to his other relatives
9 and many friends; and, be it further

10 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
11 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
12 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Felix Cook.

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H.R. No. 1075

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1075 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on April 14, 2011.

Chief Clerk of the House