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H.R. No. 1183

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 Dr. Jesse Wallace Jackson, Jr., passed away on March  
3 30, 2011, at the age of 73; and

4 WHEREAS, Born on September 25, 1937, Dr. Jackson was the  
5 second of five children of Jesse Wallace Jackson, Sr., and Kathryn  
6 Bryant Jackson; he graduated from Terrell High School and went on to  
7 earn his bachelor's degree from Texas Southern University, where he  
8 was a leader in the Omega Psi Phi fraternity; and

9 WHEREAS, Dr. Jackson became a commissioned officer in the  
10 U.S. Air Force in 1962, and his distinguished 10-year military  
11 tenure included service in Vietnam and locations throughout the  
12 United States; he was later appointed as an ROTC instructor at  
13 Tennessee State University, and during his term with the school, he  
14 helped to sponsor the undergraduate chapter of Omega Psi Phi; and

15 WHEREAS, Dr. Jackson also continued his studies while in  
16 Tennessee, earning his master's and doctoral degrees from  
17 Vanderbilt University, and following his departure from the air  
18 force, he became a sociology instructor with the institution; he  
19 later joined the faculty at the University of Houston, serving in  
20 the department of sociology and in the department of African  
21 American studies, a subject on which he authored a book; and

22 WHEREAS, Deeply committed to education, Dr. Jackson worked  
23 with the Job Partnership Council, founding a school that assisted  
24 troubled youth and high school dropouts in earning GEDs; moreover,

1 he helped to operate charter schools in Houston and Fort Worth, and  
2 his efforts benefited countless people; and

3 WHEREAS, Dr. Jackson was also devoted to his family,  
4 including his wife of 47 years, Theresa, his daughter, state  
5 district judge Maria Jackson, and his son, Jesse Wallace Jackson  
6 III; and

7 WHEREAS, Throughout his time on this earth, Jesse Jackson  
8 gave unstintingly of his energies and talents in whatever mission  
9 he undertook, and he is deeply missed by all those who held him  
10 dear; now, therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas  
12 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Dr. Jesse Wallace  
13 Jackson, Jr., and extend sincere sympathy to the members of his  
14 family: to his wife, Theresa Jackson; to his daughter, the  
15 Honorable Maria Terez Jackson; to his son, Jesse Wallace Jackson  
16 III, and his wife, Jenette; to his grandchildren, Braxton, Blair,  
17 and Joshua; to his sisters, Ella Maye Colley, Phyllis E. Sillemmon,  
18 and Vicky Lynn Weldon; to his brothers, Mance RaMon Jackson and the  
19 Reverend Michael W. Jackson; and to his other relatives and  
20 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 Jesse  
24 Wallace Jackson, Jr.