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H.R. No. 1656

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Friends and family are mourning the loss of Porter  
2 Renfro, Jr., of Houston, who passed away on April 22, 2011, at the  
3 age of 81; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in Corsicana on October 6, 1929, Mr. Renfro was  
5 the fourth of 12 children of the Reverend Porter Renfro, Sr., and  
6 Marie Allen Renfro; at the age of 18, he joined the military, and he  
7 served his country with distinction as a member of the U.S. Army;  
8 and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. Renfro returned to Corsicana after his honorable  
10 discharge from the service, and he later settled in Houston; an  
11 entrepreneur in the hair care industry early in his career, he  
12 subsequently worked for Coach USA bus lines and went on to have a  
13 notable tenure with American Gear that spanned more than 25 years;  
14 and

15 WHEREAS, In 1969, Mr. Renfro married the love of his life,  
16 Althea, with whom he had a blended family; he was the devoted father  
17 of seven children, David, Carolyn, Porter Renfro III, Porter Renfro  
18 IV, Algenita, Jacky, and Francine; and

19 WHEREAS, A valued resident of the Fifth Ward community, this  
20 esteemed gentleman was a friend and mentor to many; sharing his  
21 talent and skill as a boxer, he taught area young people the sport  
22 and encouraged them to maximize their potential; also active in  
23 Zion Hill Missionary Baptist Church, he ably served the  
24 congregation as a deacon; and

1           WHEREAS, Porter Renfro, Jr., enjoyed a life that was rich in  
2 the intangibles that matter most, and he is deeply missed by all  
3 those who held him dear; now, therefore, be it

4           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas  
5 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Porter Renfro, Jr.,  
6 and extend sincere sympathy to the members of his family: to his  
7 wife, Althea; to his children, David Earl, Carolyn Patrice, Porter  
8 Renfro III, Porter Renfro IV, Algenita and her husband, Ardie, and  
9 Jacky and his wife, Cynthia; to his 20 grandchildren and 40  
10 great-grandchildren; to his five sisters; and to his other  
11 relatives and many friends; and, be it further

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