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H.R. No. 2601

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Robert Washington, Jr., of San Antonio, a respected  
2 businessman and community leader, passed away on April 6, 2011, at  
3 the age of 69; and

4           WHEREAS, Born on November 17, 1941, Robert Washington grew up  
5 in Houston, though he spent his summers in San Antonio helping out  
6 at his cousin's business, the Lewis Funeral Home; he graduated from  
7 George Washington High School in 1960, and after serving two years  
8 in the U.S. Army and completing studies at the Commonwealth  
9 Institute of Funeral Service, he went to work for his cousin  
10 full-time; and

11           WHEREAS, Mr. Washington became a skilled embalmer and  
12 restoration specialist and took over the business as owner and  
13 general manager following his cousin's death in 1989; through the  
14 years, he distinguished himself as a capable and wise director who  
15 was sincerely committed to assisting grieving families during their  
16 time of loss; and

17           WHEREAS, Mr. Washington also served his fellow residents as a  
18 member of the City of San Antonio Zoning Committee in the 1970s, as  
19 a reliable supporter of the Huston-Tillotson University Choir  
20 concerts, and as a sponsor of the Miss Queen of Soul and Miss  
21 Dignity pageants; he was the recipient of several honors, including  
22 an Outstanding Texan Award from the Texas Legislative Black Caucus,  
23 an NAACP Award, and a CPS Amazing Energy Award; and

24           WHEREAS, In all of his endeavors, he enjoyed the love and

1 support of his wife, Lois, who worked alongside him at the funeral  
2 home, and their children, Robert Washington III and Karen  
3 Washington; and

4 WHEREAS, Thoughtful, kind, and unfailingly generous with  
5 both his time and resources, Robert Washington touched the lives of  
6 countless San Antonio families, and he leaves behind a legacy that  
7 will be forever treasured by all those who were privileged to know  
8 him; now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas  
10 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Robert Washington,  
11 Jr., and extend sincere sympathy to the members of his family: to  
12 his wife, Lois Washington; to his daughter, Karen D. Washington; to  
13 his son, Robert Washington III, and his wife, Kietha; to his  
14 grandsons, Eric Vaughn and Robert Washington IV; to his sister,  
15 Celeste Washington; and to his other relatives and many friends;  
16 and, be it further

17 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
18 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
19 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Robert  
20 Washington, Jr.