

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Family and friends are mourning the loss of John  
2 Edward Softly of DeSoto, who passed away on March 30, 2015, at the  
3 age of 71; and

4           WHEREAS, The son of Ralph and Rose Ann Softly, John Softly was  
5 born in Hearne on September 25, 1943; he attended Blackshire High  
6 School, where he played football and basketball and sang in a  
7 quartet; in 1964, he joined the United States Army, and he served  
8 his country in the Vietnam War; and

9           WHEREAS, Following his discharge from the armed forces,  
10 Mr. Softly returned to Texas and settled in Dallas; he was joined in  
11 matrimony to Ermon L. Thompson, and they became the parents of a  
12 daughter, Kendra; and

13           WHEREAS, Determined to continue his education, Mr. Softly  
14 completed his bachelor's degree in criminal justice at Bishop  
15 College; he worked for the Dallas County Sheriff's Department and  
16 the district attorney's office, and he later became a special  
17 investigator; and

18           WHEREAS, In 2007, Mr. Softly exchanged wedding vows with  
19 Mattie P. Thomas, and they shared a rewarding marriage until his  
20 passing; he was a valued member of Antioch Missionary Baptist  
21 Church, and in his leisure, he enjoyed travel, sports, helping  
22 veterans, and spending time with his treasured family; and

23           WHEREAS, John Softly achieved a purposeful life of faith and  
24 service, and those who were blessed to share in his love and

1 affection will forever hold him close in their hearts; now,  
2 therefore, be it

3         RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas  
4 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of John Edward Softly and  
5 extend sincere condolences to the members of his family: to his  
6 wife, Mattie P. Thomas; to his children, Kendra Diane Softly,  
7 Sabrina Worthy and her husband, Andre, Terri Thomas, and Kevin  
8 Thomas and his wife, Joy; to his grandchildren, Mason, Chad,  
9 Airell, Steven, Tessa, Ayo, and Kayla; to his sister, Dr. Mary H.  
10 Softly-Welch; to his brothers, the Reverend Robert G. Softly and  
11 his wife, Josephine, and Charles Softly and his wife, Carolyn; and  
12 to his many other relatives and friends; and, be it 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 John Edward  
16 Softly.

Davis of Dallas

H.R. No. 1863

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1863 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on April 17, 2015.

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Chief Clerk of the House