

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, A rich and purposeful life drew to a close with the  
2 passing of Carlton Earl Land of Houston on April 20, 2015, at the  
3 age of 72; and

4           WHEREAS, The son of Peary and George Ann Land, Carlton Land  
5 was born on February 1, 1943, in Jacksonville and raised in Houston;  
6 he graduated with honors from Jack Yates Senior High School in 1961  
7 and went on to enlist in the United States Air Force in September of  
8 the following year; he served his country with distinction for  
9 three decades before retiring with the rank of chief master  
10 sergeant in 1992; during his decorated military career, he was  
11 awarded the Bronze Star, the Meritorious Service Medal with two oak  
12 leaf clusters, and the Air Force Commendation Medal with two oak  
13 leaf clusters; and

14           WHEREAS, On his return to civilian life, Mr. Land joined the  
15 Houston Independent School District, where he initiated the Air  
16 Force Junior ROTC program at Westbury High School; he was assigned  
17 to serve as the lead student advocate in the School Administration  
18 Division in 1994, and around that time, he was instrumental in  
19 founding a program focused on helping African American and Hispanic  
20 male students acquire important social and life skills;  
21 additionally, he conducted workshops to address bullying,  
22 violence, hazing, gang involvement, and other issues, and he  
23 further gave back to area children through his support of the  
24 Children's Defense Fund and his work as a popular "Read-Aloud"

1 guest at HYPE Freedom School; and

2 WHEREAS, A devout Christian from a young age, Mr. Land became  
3 a member of Promised Land Christian Worship Center Church in 2004  
4 and generously volunteered his time as director of the men's  
5 ministry; he earned a bachelor's degree from the College of  
6 Biblical Studies in 2005 and was an accomplished writer and  
7 sought-after speaker on religious, military, educational, and  
8 civic affairs; moreover, he was a prominent member of the Most  
9 Worshipful Saint John Grand Lodge and Hadassah Grand Chapter and  
10 had served as potentate of Arabia Shrine Temple No. 1; more  
11 recently, he had been inducted into the Ancient and Primitive Rite  
12 of Memphis-Misraim, where he had the distinction of receiving his  
13 95th degree as Grand Conservator General; and

14 WHEREAS, This esteemed gentleman married Betty Jean Riley on  
15 October 22, 1966, and shared a rewarding relationship with her  
16 until her passing; he was the father of three children, Janice,  
17 Gregory, and Carlton, and was further blessed with the  
18 companionship of a large extended family and many longtime friends;  
19 and

20 WHEREAS, Carlton Land inspired countless people with his  
21 earnest faith, his desire to make a difference, and his steadfast  
22 service to his country and community, and he leaves behind a legacy  
23 that will long be treasured by all those who held him dear; now,  
24 therefore, be it

25 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas  
26 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Carlton Earl Land and  
27 extend sincere condolences to the members of his family: to his

1 children, Janice Barney and Gregory Riley; to his sister and  
2 brother, Carolyn and Louis DeVaughn; to his sisters-in-law, Shirley  
3 Land, Iola Fogle, and Diane Riley; to his brother-in-law, Luther  
4 Burrell; to his special friend, Gail Revis; and to his other  
5 relatives and friends; and, be it further

6       RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
7 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
8 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Carlton  
9 Land.

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Straus	González	Paddie
Allen	Guerra	Parker
Alonzo	Guillen	Paul
Alvarado	Gutierrez	Peña
Anchia	Harless	Phelan
Anderson of Dallas	Hernandez	Phillips
Anderson of McLennan	Herrero	Pickett
Ashby	Howard	Price
Aycock	Huberty	Raney
Bell	Hughes	Raymond
Bernal	Hunter	Reynolds
Blanco	Isaac	Riddle
Bohac	Israel	Rinaldi
Bonnen of Brazoria	Johnson	Rodriguez of Bexar
Bonnen of Galveston	Kacal	Rodriguez of Travis
Burkett	Keffer	Romero, Jr.
Burns	Keough	Rose
Burrows	King of Hemphill	Sanford
Button	King of Parker	Schaefer
Canales	King of Taylor	Schofield
Capriglione	King of Uvalde	Schubert
Clardy	Klick	Shaheen
Coleman	Koop	Sheets
Collier	Krause	Sheffield
Cook	Kuempel	Simmons
Craddick	Landgraf	Simpson
Crownover	Larson	Smith
Cyrier	Laubenberg	Smithee
Dale	Leach	Spitzer
Darby	Longoria	Springer
Davis of Dallas	Lozano	Stephenson
Davis of Harris	Lucio III	Stickland
Deshotel	Márquez	Thompson of Brazoria
Dukes	Martinez	Thompson of Harris
Dutton	Martinez Fischer	Tinderholt
Elkins	McClendon	Turner of Collin
Faircloth	Metcalf	Turner of Harris
Fallon	Meyer	Turner of Tarrant
Farias	Miles	VanDeaver
Farney	Miller of Comal	Villalba
Farrar	Miller of Fort Bend	Vo
Fletcher	Moody	Walle
Flynn	Morrison	White of Bell
Frank	Muñoz, Jr.	White of Tyler
Frullo	Murphy	Workman
Galindo	Murr	Wray
Geren	Naishtat	Wu
Giddings	Nevárez	Zedler
Goldman	Oliveira	Zerwas
Gonzales	Otto	

H.R. No. 2286

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2286 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on April 27, 2015.

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Chief Clerk of the House