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H.R. No. 323

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A full and productive life drew to a close with the
2 passing of admired attorney and civic leader Xavier Culver Lemond
3 of Katy on January 20, 2017, at the age of 75; and

4 WHEREAS, The son of Joseph and Bertha Lemond, Xavier Lemond
5 was born in Leonville, Louisiana, on April 20, 1941; his family
6 moved to Texas three years later, and he attended Charles R. Drew
7 High School in Barrett Station; after enlisting in the United
8 States Army, he completed Officer Candidate School, served as a
9 paratrooper with the 82nd Airborne Division, and then joined the
10 Army Reserve, rising to the rank of captain; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Lemond was employed at Sinclair Petrochemicals
12 while earning a bachelor's degree in psychology at the University
13 of Houston; subsequently, he worked his way through the University
14 of Houston Bates College of Law as a claims adjuster with State
15 Farm; in 1974, he joined Conoco as an oil and gas attorney, and he
16 became a leader in the company's diversity initiatives and
17 community outreach; in addition, he was an adjunct professor at
18 South Texas College of Law and taught ESL at Houston Community
19 College; following his retirement from Conoco in 1994, he served
20 Harris County as an assistant county attorney, as director of
21 community development and community affairs, and as director of the
22 Social Services Department; although he retired in 2009, he
23 continued to share his legal expertise at the local, state, and
24 national levels; and

1 WHEREAS, Dedicated to his alma mater, Mr. Lemond became the
2 first African American alumnus appointed to the board of regents of
3 the University of Houston, which he served as vice chair, and he
4 chaired both the Art Acquisition and Building Committees; over the
5 years, he was a mentor to countless people, especially the youth of
6 the Barrett Station community and participants in a UH student
7 scholars program; he was active in AA and Al-Anon as well; and

8 WHEREAS, Mr. Lemond shared a fulfilling marriage with his
9 wife, Diane, and he took great pride in his children, Nicole, Lydia,
10 and Richard, his seven grandchildren, and his great-grandchild; and

11 WHEREAS, A bighearted man of enormous wit, charm, and good
12 humor, Xavier Lemond made a positive difference in the lives of
13 innumerable people, and memories of his kindness and generosity
14 remain to comfort and inspire those he leaves behind; now,
15 therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
17 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Xavier Culver Lemond
18 and extend deepest condolences to all who mourn his passing; and, be
19 it further

20 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
21 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
22 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Xavier
23 Lemond.