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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Memories of a life filled with joyful times and
2 meaningful accomplishments remain to comfort the family and friends
3 of Joe Henry Copes of Woodville, who passed away on February 13,
4 2017, at the age of 73; and

5 WHEREAS, The son of Beatrice Jackson-Copes and the Reverend
6 Charles Copes, Joe Copes was born on September 13, 1943, in the
7 small rural community of Dies in Tyler County and grew up with five
8 siblings, Maxine, Josephine, Charlene, Wanda, and Herbert; he
9 attended Scott High School in nearby Woodville and went on to serve
10 his country as a member of the U.S. Army; and

11 WHEREAS, A hardworking and dedicated employee, Mr. Copes
12 enjoyed a successful career at Keller Industries, and he later took
13 a job with the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners; he
14 spent two decades traveling across the country as a union
15 representative before eventually retiring; he was also an active
16 member of the NAACP; and

17 WHEREAS, Mr. Copes took great pride in his 4 children, Gerry,
18 Corey, Sheila, and Tanya, and he was further blessed with 13
19 grandchildren, Jason, Sylvia, Lakeidra, Phenomia, Blake, Isaac,
20 Mataya, Carter, Darius, Savian, Monica, Veronica, and Vernon, as
21 well as 8 great-grandchildren; and

22 WHEREAS, Those fortunate enough to have known Joe Copes will
23 remember the way he touched their lives with his wisdom and strength
24 of character, and he will forever be remembered with great

1 admiration; now, therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
3 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Joe Henry Copes and
4 extend sincere condolences to his many relatives and friends; and,
5 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 Joe Copes.