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R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, A purposeful life dedicated to faith and family drew to a close with the passing of Bishop Nathaniel Holcomb on November 27, 2018, at the age of 66; and

WHEREAS, The son of Nathaniel and Nellie Holcomb, Nathaniel Holcomb was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on August 5, 1952; he was raised by his beloved stepfather, William "Bill" Royster, and enjoyed the companionship of four sisters, Linda, Valerie, Karen, and Yvette; following his first marriage to Madeline Connor, he wed Valerie Ivy Holcomb in 1977, and they shared a richly rewarding relationship spanning more than four decades; he was the proud father of five children, Dana Holcomb, Mark Connor, Nathaniel Holcomb III, Tyrone Holcomb, and the late Nicole Constance Dudley Holcomb; through the years, he was blessed with 11 grandchildren, Vallon, Zachary, Dietrich, Omar, Jonathan, Courtney, Vaughn, Danacha, Camryn, Jada, and Ty, as well as six great-grandchildren, Josiah, Zoe, Justin, Londyn, Jayden, and Giovanni; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Holcomb joined the United States Army in 1980, and while stationed at Fort Hood, he became a member of Clear Creek Baptist Church and began to accept his call to the ministry; he started two Bible studies at the army base and then founded the Christian House of Prayer in Copperas Cove in 1981; from an initial membership of 13, the church grew to become one of the largest ministries in Central Texas, and it has supported a number of commendable programs benefiting the local community, among them the Refuge Corporation, which provides assistance to people in need; numerous members of the clergy adopted Pastor Holcomb as their bishop, leading to the formation of Covenant Connections International; and

WHEREAS, Although Bishop Holcomb is deeply missed by those he left behind, his good works will be remembered and admired for years to come; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Bishop Nathaniel Holcomb and extend sincere condolences to all who mourn his passing; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Bishop Nathaniel Holcomb.