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H.R. No. 28

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Jasper County lost a respected and much-loved civic
2 leader with the passing of Bobby Joe Hadnot on August 24, 2018, at
3 the age of 80; and

4 WHEREAS, A lifelong resident of the county, Bobby Joe Hadnot
5 was born on March 27, 1938, to Grady Hadnot and Lorraine McCray
6 Green, and he benefited in his youth from the guidance and affection
7 of his grandparents, Tat and Ludy Hadnot and Albert and Francis
8 McCray; he graduated from J. H. Rowe High School in 1956 and became
9 a certified electrician after attending Prairie View A&M
10 University; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Hadnot was drafted into the United States Army
12 in 1962, and upon completing his military service, he returned to
13 Jasper County and worked at his paternal grandfather's logging
14 business and his maternal grandparents' farm; he subsequently began
15 a successful and trailblazing career with the U.S. Army Corps of
16 Engineers that spanned 42 years, and he went on to become the first
17 African American elected president of the corps' local AFL-CIO
18 trade union; and

19 WHEREAS, Active in his community, Mr. Hadnot served as
20 president of Citizens for Progress, an organization that worked to
21 advance causes of import to Jasper's African American population
22 during the 1980s and 1990s; in addition, he held leadership
23 positions as president of the Jasper Rural Water Board and vice
24 president of the board for the Beech Grove Volunteer Fire

1 Department, which he played an instrumental role in creating; he
2 was also a lifelong member of the historic Dixie Baptist Church; and

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Hadnot was deeply involved in the upkeep of the
4 Indian Creek Cemetery, where he oversaw a homecoming celebration
5 every summer; committed to preserving local history, he shared his
6 knowledge of Jasper County with several organizations, and he
7 joined together with like-minded citizens to establish the
8 Community and Family Historical Preservation Association; and

9 WHEREAS, In all his endeavors, Mr. Hadnot enjoyed the love
10 and support of his wife, Ruthie Jean Mitchell Hadnot, with whom he
11 shared 57 rewarding years of marriage; the couple raised three
12 children, Vanessa, Valencia, and Dynetro, and were further blessed
13 with two grandchildren, Daniel and Dymaia; and

14 WHEREAS, Bobby Joe Hadnot was a devoted family man, a pillar
15 of his community, and a source of inspiration to countless people,
16 and he leaves behind a legacy that will long be treasured by those
17 who held him dear; now, therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas
19 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Bobby Joe Hadnot and
20 extend heartfelt sympathy to all who mourn his passing; and, be it
21 further

22 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
23 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
24 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Bobby Joe
25 Hadnot.