

By: Reynolds

H.R. No. 217

Substitute the following for H.R. No. 217:

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C.S.H.R. No. 217

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Convict Leasing and Labor Project is dedicated
2 to documenting the history of forced labor in our country by working
3 to educate the public about abuses under slavery and convict
4 leasing; and

5 WHEREAS, In Fort Bend County, CLLP has been active in
6 addressing the legacy of the convict leasing system, which replaced
7 slavery as a means of exploitation and repression; CLLP activist
8 and historian Reginald Moore played a key role in the discovery of
9 the skeletal remains of 95 African Americans, identified as victims
10 of convict leasing, who were interred in unmarked graves on a
11 property owned by the Fort Bend Independent School District in
12 Sugar Land; and

13 WHEREAS, CLLP is working with the school district and the
14 City of Sugar Land to develop an appropriate memorial for these
15 victims of convict leasing; in addition, the group is seeking to
16 establish a permanent museum of slavery and convict leasing; and

17 WHEREAS, Through its tireless efforts, the Convict Leasing
18 and Labor Project is helping to uncover a chapter of our state's
19 history that has been too long ignored or forgotten; now,
20 therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas
22 Legislature hereby honor the Convict Leasing and Labor Project for
23 its exceptional contributions and extend to its members sincere
24 best wishes for continued success in their endeavors; and, be it

1 further

2 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
3 prepared for the organization as an expression of high regard by the
4 Texas House of Representatives.