

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, A purposeful life dedicated to faith and family drew  
2 to a close with the passing of Bishop Nathaniel Holcomb on November  
3 27, 2018, at the age of 66; and

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

17           WHEREAS, Bishop Holcomb joined the United States Army in  
18 1980, and while stationed at Fort Hood, he became a member of Clear  
19 Creek Baptist Church and began to accept his call to the ministry;  
20 he started two Bible studies at the army base and then founded the  
21 Christian House of Prayer in Copperas Cove in 1981; from an initial  
22 membership of 13, the church grew to become one of the largest  
23 ministries in Central Texas, and it has supported a number of  
24 commendable programs benefiting the local community, among them the

1 Refuge Corporation, which provides assistance to people in need;  
2 numerous members of the clergy adopted Pastor Holcomb as their  
3 bishop, leading to the formation of Covenant Connections  
4 International; and

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

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

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

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H.R. No. 263

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 263 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on March 13, 2019.

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Chief Clerk of the House