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H.R. No. 263

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.