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H.R. No. 1646

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, All who shared in the life of Maurice Earl Toliver of  
2 Houston were deeply saddened by his death on May 8, 2019, at the age  
3 of 79; and

4 WHEREAS, Born on February 29, 1940, Maurice Toliver grew up  
5 in Houston and graduated from Phillis Wheatley High School in 1961;  
6 he exchanged the vows of matrimony with Ella Kellum in 1965, and  
7 they shared a rewarding marriage that spanned 54 years; and

8 WHEREAS, Mr. Toliver worked at Southwest Camera Store for  
9 several years, and he took photos for Wheatley and Booker T.  
10 Washington High Schools and on numerous special occasions,  
11 including weddings, funerals, and community, church, and social  
12 events; and

13 WHEREAS, A man of deep religious faith, he was a member of  
14 Fifth Ward Missionary Baptist Church for more than six decades,  
15 during which time he held positions as church treasurer and trustee  
16 and participated in the Annual Back to School Health Fair; he  
17 further benefited his community through his work at a number of  
18 local institutions, including the Faith Revitalization Center, the  
19 Greater Fifth Ward Congregational Health Center, and the Rebuilding  
20 Houston Project; in addition, he held membership in the Phillis  
21 Wheatley Metropolitan Alumni and Ex-Student Association; and

22 WHEREAS, Maurice Toliver possessed a generosity of spirit  
23 that expressed itself in myriad ways, and he enriched the lives of  
24 countless people with his warmth and kindness; now, therefore, be

1 it

2           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas  
3 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Maurice Earl  
4 Toliver and extend heartfelt sympathy to his family and many  
5 friends; and, be it further

6           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
7 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
8 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Maurice  
9 Earl Toliver.