

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A full and generous life drew to a close with the
2 death of Earl B. Middleton Sr. of Houston on April 9, 2021, at the
3 age of 94; and

4 WHEREAS, The son of Howard and Ninnie Middleton, Earl
5 Middleton was born in Centerville on August 23, 1926, and grew up
6 with nine siblings, Howard, Bernard, Mary, James, Herod, J. D.,
7 Frank, Leon, and Gladys; he graduated from Phillis Wheatley High
8 School in Houston and attended Texas Southern University; answering
9 his nation's call to duty, he served in the U.S. Army and Air Force;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Middleton enjoyed a varied career that included
12 owning and operating a dump truck business, helping to run a school
13 bus business, and employment with the U.S. Postal Service; he also
14 held long and rewarding tenures with the Ethel Oil and Gas Company
15 and Cages Medical Services, working into his 90s; moreover, for
16 many years, he published *The Sales Slip News*, and he was a founding
17 member of the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Black Heritage
18 Committee; and

19 WHEREAS, In all his endeavors, Mr. Middleton benefited from
20 the love and support of his wife, the former Alma Billups, with whom
21 he shared more than six and a half decades of marriage before her
22 passing; he was the devoted father of five children, Cynthia,
23 Christopher, Rodney, Bruce, and Earl, and through the years, he was
24 further blessed with two grandchildren, CeDaniel and Christina, and

1 three great-grandchildren, Mercedes, Terrell, and Casey; his
2 circle of loved ones also included numerous nieces, nephews,
3 in-laws, and extended family members; a man of faith, he took an
4 active role in Greater Oak Grove Baptist Church, Gospel Hill
5 Baptist Church, and New Mount Carmel Baptist Church; and

6 WHEREAS, Although Earl Middleton is deeply missed, this
7 beloved man has left his family and friends with many cherished
8 memories, and he will long be remembered with great affection and
9 admiration; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
11 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Earl B. Middleton
12 Sr. and extend sincere sympathy to his family and friends; and, be
13 it further

14 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
15 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
16 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Earl B.
17 Middleton Sr.

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H.R. No. 1203

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1203 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on May 23, 2021.

Chief Clerk of the House