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## RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The family and friends of Alvin Jones Sr. suffered 2 an immeasurable loss with his death on April 6, 2021, at the age of 3 56; and

WHEREAS, The son of Mary McInnis and William Jones, Alvin Jones was born on September 3, 1964, in Norfolk, Virginia, and grew up sharing in the companionship of his five siblings, Mary, Cora, Barbara Ann, Lisa, Jerome, and his chosen brother, Montreal Newton; he received his bachelor's degree from Thomas Edison State College and continued his studies at Webster University, where he earned a master's degree in management and leadership; and

11 WHEREAS, Enlisting in the army in 1984, Mr. Jones went on to 12 complete tours of duty in the U.S. as well as in Iraq, Kuwait, 13 Hungary, Germany, Egypt, and Korea; he received numerous awards for 14 his service, among them the Legion of Merit, the Meritorious 15 Service Medal, and the Army Commendation Medal; he retired in 2012 16 at the rank of command sergeant major; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Jones married the love of his life, the former Wurgess Dent, on January 29, 1993, and the couple shared a rewarding union that spanned nearly three decades; he was the proud father of two daughters, Alicia and Chelsi'rae, and three sons, Xaier, Alvin, and Aaron, and with the passing years, he had the pleasure of seeing his family grow to include six beloved grandchildren, Skylar, Terryn, Fe'lice, Brixton, London, and Aaron; and

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WHEREAS, An avid supporter of youth sports, Mr. Jones was a

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1 member of the board of West Texas Blazers Basketball, and he coached 2 various children's teams and helped coordinate three youth football 3 camps; he further benefited area children by leading a number of 4 programs through the A&A All the Way Foundation; and

5 WHEREAS, Admired for his distinguished military service as 6 well as for his dedication to his family and his community, 7 Mr. Jones touched countless lives during his journey on this earth, 8 and he will forever be a source of inspiration to those he leaves 9 behind; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas 11 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Alvin Jones Sr. and 12 extend sincere condolences to all who mourn his passing; and, be it 13 further

RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Alvin Jones.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1271 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on May 23, 2021.

Chief Clerk of the House