

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Family and friends will long cherish their memories
2 of Jimmie Lewel Armstead of Corpus Christi, who passed away on
3 September 8, 2019, at the age of 87; and

4 WHEREAS, The son of Leo and Jeanie Mae Armstead, Jimmie
5 Armstead was born on March 16, 1932, in Marshall, and he grew up
6 with six siblings, Ernestine, Erma Jean, Arnettie, Vivian, Billy,
7 and Willie Earl; he was joined in matrimony to the former Johnnie
8 Mae Wayne, with whom he shared a rewarding union that spanned more
9 than six decades; he was the proud father of four children, Harold,
10 Cynthia, Terry, and Carl, and with the passing years, he had the
11 pleasure of welcoming into his family eight grandchildren and a
12 great-grandchild; and

13 WHEREAS, Answering his nation's call to duty, Mr. Armstead
14 enlisted in the U.S. Army on November 3, 1950; following his
15 honorable discharge, he went on to enjoy a career as a longshoreman,
16 and he held elected positions with the International Longshoremen's
17 Association, serving as president of his ILA local and as business
18 agent of ILA No. 1225; he and his wife proudly supported the union,
19 inspiring the next generation of community advocates through their
20 tireless work; later in life, he earned a master's degree from the
21 University of Houston; and

22 WHEREAS, From an early age, Mr. Armstead was sustained by a
23 strong and abiding faith; he was a deacon at Friendship Baptist
24 Church, where he also served the congregation as a trustee, a member

1 of the Pastors Aid Committee, chair of the deacon board, and a
2 Sunday school teacher; in addition, he was a lifelong member of the
3 NAACP; and

4 WHEREAS, A devoted husband, father, grandfather, and civic
5 leader, Jimmie Armstead lived a rich and purposeful life, and he
6 will forever be remembered with deep affection by all who held him
7 close in their hearts; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
9 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Jimmie Lewel Armstead
10 and extend sincere condolences to the members of his family: to his
11 wife, Johnnie Mae Armstead; to his children, Harold Mills and his
12 wife, Tanya, Cynthia Mills Jones and her husband, Greg, Terry
13 Mills, and Carl Mills Sr. and his wife, Karen; to his grandchildren,
14 Tanisha "Nikki" Moore and her husband, Chris, Carl Mills Jr., Mark
15 Mills and his wife, Maida, Karis Mills, Jordan Mills, Jennifer
16 Jones, Brandon Mills, and Sarah Jones; to his great-grandson,
17 Jeremiah Mills; and to his other relatives and friends; and, be it
18 further

19 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
20 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
21 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Jimmie
22 Armstead.

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H.R. No. 1537

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1537 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on May 29, 2021.

Chief Clerk of the House