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H.R. No. 1537

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.