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H.R. No. 1527

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A full and generous life drew to a close with the
2 passing of the Reverend Dr. Byrd Lacey Jr. of Houston on May 25,
3 2025, at the age of 92; and

4 WHEREAS, The son of Byrd Lacey Sr. and Elizabeth Swearengin
5 Lacey, Byrd Lacey was born in Chappell Hill on February 25, 1933,
6 and he grew up with the companionship of 11 siblings; he devoted
7 himself to his faith at an early age as a member of Providence
8 Baptist Church, and he later graduated from C. H. Hogan High School;
9 in 1958, he was ordained as a minister at Mount Carmel Missionary
10 Baptist Church, and he graduated from Union Baptist Theological
11 Seminary three years later; he went on to earn a doctorate in
12 divinity studies from the Inter-Baptist Theological Center in 1981;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, Reverend Lacey embarked on a distinguished 64-year
15 career in the ministry in 1960 and became pastor of McGee Chapel
16 Missionary Baptist Church in Houston; over the course of the
17 ensuing decades, he went on to lead the congregations of Pilgrim
18 Rest Missionary Baptist Church in Houston, West Tabernacle Baptist
19 Church in Conroe, and Friendship Missionary Baptist Church in
20 Huntsville; in October 1983, he became pastor of Greater Mount
21 Olive Missionary Baptist Church in Houston, where he served for
22 four decades until his retirement in March 2024; and

23 WHEREAS, Reverend Lacey shared a rewarding marriage of 54
24 years with his wife, Marilyn Lacey; he took great pride in his four

1 children, Cheryl Chandler, Kim Carter, Dr. Jackie Ward, and Cheryl
2 Lacey Donovan, and with the passing years, he had the pleasure of
3 seeing his treasured family grow to include 10 grandchildren and 9
4 great-grandchildren; and

5 WHEREAS, Deeply dedicated to his family, his faith, and his
6 community, Byrd Lacey earned the lasting respect and admiration of
7 all who were privileged to know him; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 89th Texas
9 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of the Reverend
10 Dr. Byrd Lacey Jr. and extend sincere condolences to all who mourn
11 his passing; and, be it further

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