

## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1           WHEREAS, The untimely passing of Tarrence Leon White of Fort  
2 Worth on December 21, 2002, at the age of 16, has deeply saddened  
3 the family and many friends of this beloved young man; and

4           WHEREAS, Born on June 19, 1986, in Fort Worth, he attended S.  
5 S. Dillow Elementary School and William James Middle School, where  
6 he played football; a devoted fan of major league baseball players,  
7 he attended the All Star games in 1995 and 1996 and participated in  
8 Cowboy Camp for two years; and

9           WHEREAS, Mr. White was a junior at Southwest High School,  
10 where he excelled in Spanish and French and was particularly known  
11 for his outstanding talent and dedication as a "shooting guard" on  
12 the Southwest Raiders' varsity basketball team; and

13           WHEREAS, A favorite of his classmates, fellow athletes, and  
14 teachers alike, this impressive young Texan, affectionately known  
15 as "Poopie," drew a circle of diverse and loyal friends who admired  
16 his upbeat attitude, sense of humor, and leadership on and off the  
17 basketball court; and

18           WHEREAS, Devoted to his family, he served as a role model for  
19 his siblings and cousins; in addition to a full schedule of classes,  
20 practice, and games, he was a congregant of Great Commission  
21 Baptist Church, where he was baptized at the age of 12, and he also  
22 met the responsibilities of employment at Albertson's; and

23           WHEREAS, Although it is immeasurably painful to say goodbye  
24 to one so young and full of promise, it is fitting to keep in mind

1 that while Mr. White's time here was all too brief, his life  
2 profoundly affected those around him, and his memory will surely  
3 continue to inspire the countless individuals whose lives he  
4 touched; now, therefore, be it

5         RESOLVED, That the 78th Legislature of the State of Texas  
6 hereby pay tribute to the life of Tarrence Leon White and extend  
7 deepest sympathy to the members of his family: to his mother, Karen  
8 White Sherer, and her husband, Roy; to his father, Fanta Maru, and  
9 his wife, Kudus Mesmer; to his brothers, Edward Johnson, Yosef  
10 Maru, Tewodros Maru, and Michael Maru; to his sister, Meaza Maru; to  
11 his aunts, Debra Johnson, Martha White, and Betty Lee; to his  
12 uncles, Darryl White, Freddie White, and Michael Thompson; to his  
13 grandparents, G. Maru and Shekim Awoke; to his great-grandmother,  
14 Grace Gilmore; and to his other relatives and many friends; and, be  
15 it further

16         RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
17 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
18 Representatives and Senate adjourn this day, they do so in memory of  
19 Tarrence Leon White.

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David Dewhurst

President of the Senate

Jim Caddell

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 127 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on April 10, 2003.

Robert Haney  
Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 127 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the Senate on May 21, 2003.

Arlene Law  
Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: 20 JUN 03

Date

RICK PERRY  
Governor

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