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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, A life made rich through meaningful service drew to  
2 a close with the passing of Dr. Edwin Earl Favors of Dallas on April  
3 5, 2021, at the age of 46; and

4           WHEREAS, Born on February 26, 1975, Edwin Favors was the son  
5 of Debra Hall and her husband, Jerry, and Marvis Favors and his  
6 wife, Pat, and he was the brother of two sisters, Lorieann and  
7 NiKeisha; at the age of 13, he began teaching youth at Faithful  
8 Missionary Baptist Church in Dallas; he earned his bachelor's  
9 degree at Howard Payne University, and while in Brownwood, he  
10 worked as a disc jockey at a Christian music station, taught music  
11 and chorus at Brownwood Intermediate School, and served as minister  
12 of music for Living Word Church and Greater Faith Community Church,  
13 where he became senior associate pastor; moreover, he traveled the  
14 world with the Howard Payne A Cappella Choir and Heritage Singers;  
15 and

16           WHEREAS, Dr. Favors returned to Dallas in 2000 and served at  
17 his home church while teaching music, choir, and seventh-grade  
18 reading in the DeSoto Independent School District; following two  
19 years in full-time ministry, he taught at Clay Academy and then  
20 rejoined DeSoto ISD as a director of general and choral music  
21 activities; he went on to fill a similar role at Seagoville and  
22 Billy Earl Dade Middle Schools in Dallas ISD; in 2002, he  
23 established Praise Fellowship Church, and he was also the founder  
24 of Switching Systems Independent Ministries and Churches and

1 oversaw the SALTT religious radio and television stations;  
2 furthermore, he was executive chef and CEO of Praise Fellowship  
3 Catering; he earned a master's degree in educational administration  
4 and a doctoral degree in organizational leadership from Grand  
5 Canyon University; in all his endeavors, he was supported by the  
6 love and encouragement of his wife, Pastor Ellyn Nicole Neal  
7 Favors; he was preceded in death by their daughter, Ellysabeth; and

8         WHEREAS, Although Edwin Favors is deeply missed, memories of  
9 his great devotion to his family and his faith remain to comfort and  
10 inspire those he leaves behind; now, therefore, be it

11         RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas  
12 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Dr. Edwin Earl Favors  
13 and extend sincere sympathy to his loved ones; and, be it further

14         RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
15 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
16 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Dr. Edwin  
17 Earl Favors.