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H.R. No. 71

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Memories of a life well lived may help to comfort  
2 those saddened by the passing of Willie Ray Powell Sr. on January 2,  
3 2023, at the age of 77; and

4 WHEREAS, The son of George Powell and Mae Flower Urdy-Powell,  
5 Willie Powell was born in Taylor on January 2, 1946; he graduated  
6 from Davenport High School in 1964, and later that same year he  
7 joined the U.S. Army, serving a tour of duty in the Vietnam War;  
8 honorably discharged from active service in 1970, he joined the  
9 Army National Guard two years later; and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. Powell went on to enjoy a successful career as a  
11 mechanic, and he was recognized as one of the most trusted auto  
12 mechanics in the Austin area; he was an expert at rebuilding engines  
13 and transmissions, and he was generous with his extensive knowledge  
14 and trained others on how to properly diagnose, service, and repair  
15 vehicles; he retired in 1990; and

16 WHEREAS, Mr. Powell shared nearly five decades with his  
17 beloved wife, Elaine, and he was the proud father of five children,  
18 Dani, Davin, Willie, George, and Vincent; over the years, he had the  
19 privilege of seeing his family grow to include two adopted  
20 children, Anjeanette and Brendashai, five grandchildren, and three  
21 great-grandchildren; and

22 WHEREAS, Although Willie Powell is deeply missed, those he  
23 leaves behind will forever treasure their memories of his charm and  
24 his bright, infectious smile; now, therefore, be it

1           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas  
2 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Willie Ray Powell Sr.  
3 and extend heartfelt sympathy to the members of his family: to his  
4 wife, Elaine Powell; to his children, Dani Dukes, Davin Dukes and  
5 his wife, Jennifer, Willie Powell Jr., George Powell and his wife,  
6 Dana, and Vincent Powell; to his adopted children, Anjeanette  
7 Walker and Brendashai Powell; to his grandchildren, Carice Wilson,  
8 Jaylon Dukes, Willie Ray Powell III, Jasmin Dukes, and Makiya  
9 Powell; to his great-grandchildren, Romeo, Bryson, and Matthew; to  
10 his brother, James Powell, and his wife, Liz; to his sisters, Marie  
11 Fuller, Mary Aikens, Dovie Urdy, and Bertha Aikins; and to his many  
12 other relatives and friends; and, be it further

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