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H.R. No. 584

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, All who shared in the life of Johnny Welton Self were
2 deeply saddened by his passing on December 21, 2022, at the age of
3 72; and

4 WHEREAS, John Self was born to Helen Self Hickman and Jonas
5 Banks on January 29, 1950, in Zachary, Louisiana, and he grew up
6 with the companionship of four siblings, Clarence, Billy, Barbara,
7 and Ernest; after graduating from Chaneyville High School, he
8 obtained a bachelor's degree in business management at Southern
9 University in Baton Rouge; and

10 WHEREAS, A trailblazer throughout his career, Mr. Self was
11 the first Black firefighter to serve with the Arlington Fire
12 Department, beginning his tenure in 1973, and he went on to work for
13 the office of the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts for several
14 years; when he was hired by TXU Energy/Oncor in 1999, he was the
15 first African American customer service representative at the
16 company, and with his appointment as vice president in 2004, he
17 became the first Black male to hold that post; his responsibilities
18 encompassed government affairs, and he emerged as a well-known
19 figure at the State Capitol, serving as a trusted advisor to
20 numerous elected officials; after retiring from TXU Energy/Oncor in
21 2008, he continued to work as a political consultant in Austin; and

22 WHEREAS, From an early age, Mr. Self was sustained by a deep
23 and abiding faith; a longtime congregant of Mount Olive Baptist
24 Church, he was a member of the executive board as well as a deacon,

1 usher, and Sunday school teacher; moreover, he played an
2 instrumental role in the construction of Lucille Baptist Church in
3 Palmer; and

4 WHEREAS, In all his endeavors, Mr. Self enjoyed the love and
5 support of his wife, Bea, with whom he shared a rewarding marriage
6 that spanned nearly five decades; he took great pride in their
7 children, Jeremy and Jarita, and over the years, he had the pleasure
8 of welcoming three grandchildren into the family; and

9 WHEREAS, An accomplished professional, an engaged citizen,
10 and a devoted family man, John Self leaves behind a record of good
11 works and impressive achievements that his loved ones can remember
12 with pride; now, therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas
14 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Johnny Welton Self and
15 extend heartfelt sympathy to the members of his family: to his wife,
16 Beatrice Self; to his children, Jeremy Self and his wife, Angela,
17 and Jarita Gardner and her husband, Troy; to his grandchildren,
18 Tristan, Tatum, and Troy Johnny; to his siblings, Clarence Self and
19 his wife, Dafiney, Billy Self, and Barbara Anderson; to his
20 sisters-in-law, Mary Tapps, Gladys Bets, Dorothy Shaw and her
21 husband, David, Shirley Tapps, Barbara Netters, Pamela Jackson, and
22 Diana Davis; to his brother-in-law, Raymond Tapps and his wife,
23 Gayle; and to his other relatives and many friends; and, be it
24 further

25 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
26 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
27 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Johnny

1 Self.