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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Memories of a life filled with joyful times and  
2 meaningful accomplishments remain to comfort the family and friends  
3 of Johnny Welton Self, who passed away on December 21, 2022, at the  
4 age of 72; and

5           WHEREAS, The son of Helen Self Hickman and Jonas Banks, John  
6 Self was born in Zachary, Louisiana, on January 29, 1950, and grew  
7 up in a family that included his siblings, Clarence, Billy,  
8 Barbara, and Ernest; he graduated from Chaneyville High School and  
9 earned his bachelor's degree from the School of Business Management  
10 at Southern University; on June 23, 1973, he married his soulmate  
11 and best friend, the former Beatrice "Bea" Tapps, and they were  
12 blessed with two children, Jeremy and Jarita; their treasured  
13 family later grew to include three grandchildren, Tristan, Tatum,  
14 and Troy Johnny; and

15           WHEREAS, In 1973, Mr. Self became the City of Arlington's  
16 first Black firefighter; he later joined the office of the Texas  
17 Comptroller of Public Accounts before embarking on a noteworthy  
18 career with TXU Energy/Oncor; there, he blazed another trail,  
19 becoming the company's first male African American vice president;  
20 during his many years representing TXU/Oncor at the State Capitol,  
21 his warmth, charm, and expertise earned him the admiration and  
22 friendship of many; following his retirement in 2008, he continued  
23 to work as a political consultant, maintaining close ties with his  
24 numerous acquaintances in Austin; and

1           WHEREAS, A man of strong faith, Mr. Self joined Mount Olive  
2 Baptist Church in 1972; he served the congregation in numerous  
3 capacities through the years, among them usher, Sunday school  
4 teacher, deacon, and member of the executive board; no task was too  
5 small or too large, whether organizing a cleanup crew or leading  
6 construction of Lucille Baptist Church in Palmer; and

7           WHEREAS, While his loss is difficult to bear, John Self  
8 leaves behind a host of friends and loved ones whose lives are far  
9 richer for having known him, and he will always hold a treasured  
10 place in their hearts; now, therefore, be it

11           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas  
12 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Johnny Welton Self  
13 and extend sincere condolences to the members of his family: to his  
14 wife of 49 years, Beatrice Self; to his children, Jeremy Self and  
15 his wife, Angela, and Jarita Gardner and her husband, Troy; to his  
16 grandchildren, Tristan, Tatum, and Troy Johnny; to his siblings,  
17 Clarence Self and his wife, Dafiney, Billy Self, and Barbara  
18 Anderson; to his sisters-in-law, Mary Tapps, Gladys Bets, Dorothy  
19 Shaw and her husband, David, Shirley Tapps, Barbara Netters, Pamela  
20 Jackson, and Diana Davis; to his brother-in-law, Raymond Tapps, and  
21 his wife, Gayle; and to all who mourn his passing; and, be it  
22 further

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