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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 admired educator Albert Black of Austin
3 on August 11, 2024, at the age of 75; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in Crockett on May 4, 1949, Albert Black
5 graduated from Paul Quinn College in 1970; he began his career as an
6 elementary school teacher and principal in the Waco Independent
7 School District; after earning a master's degree from Prairie View
8 A&M University, he joined the Texas Education Agency and rose to
9 become a senior program director; he retired following a noteworthy
10 27-year tenure, but he was soon recruited by Child Inc, Head Start;
11 as executive director, he guided the expansion of center capacity,
12 implementation of innovative programs, and formation of strategic
13 partnerships with local school districts, businesses, and
14 nonprofit groups; the organization also realized improvements in
15 performance measures and provided professional development
16 opportunities for staff; in April 2024, he was named president of
17 the Region VI Head Start Association Board; and

18 WHEREAS, Mr. Black married the former Kathy Gaither on
19 April 17, 1981, and they were blessed with two children, Kaneisha
20 and Elijah; eventually, his treasured family grew to include two
21 grandchildren, Karis and Trey; he was predeceased by his beloved
22 daughter; a man of faith, he led the Men's Ministry at Mt. Zion
23 Baptist Church and served as Brotherhood Ministry president for the
24 St. John District Brotherhood, the Missionary Baptist General

1 Convention of Texas, and the National Baptist Convention of
2 America; he also gave selflessly of his time and talents to mentor a
3 host of young men; among numerous accolades, he received a 2024
4 Presidential Volunteer Service Award from the *Austin Black Business*
5 *Journal & Community News*; and

6 WHEREAS, Albert Black enriched the lives of innumerable
7 people, and although he will be deeply missed, those he left behind
8 will cherish their memories of his warmth, kindness, and
9 compassion; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 89th Texas
11 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Albert Black and
12 extend sincere sympathy to the members of his family: to his wife,
13 Kathy Gaither Black; to his son, Elijah Black; to his
14 grandchildren, Karis and Trey; and to his many other relatives and
15 friends; and, be 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 adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Albert
19 Black.