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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A full and generous life came to an end with the  
2 passing of Willie Hall of Houston on May 10, 2005, at the age of 94;  
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4 WHEREAS, Born in Huttig, Arkansas, on April 6, 1911, Willie  
5 Hall ended his formal education at the age of 12 to enter the  
6 workforce; he was determined to return to school, however, and  
7 persevered until he graduated from the Walls Hammon trade school  
8 and Booker T. Washington Evening School; he eventually enrolled in  
9 Texas Southern University, where he studied for four years while  
10 working full-time at Armco Steel; this industrious gentleman  
11 subsequently became the first African American supervisor at the  
12 company and retired after more than 30 years of service; and

13 WHEREAS, A dedicated community leader as well, Mr. Hall  
14 distinguished himself as a district commissioner of the Boy Scouts  
15 of America and as a longtime member of the Business and Professional  
16 Men's Club, the NAACP, the South Central YMCA board of directors,  
17 and Frontiers of America; and

18 WHEREAS, This esteemed Texan also held deep religious  
19 convictions; he joined Antioch Missionary Baptist Church in 1937  
20 and was ordained as a deacon in 1946; his passion was visitation and  
21 ministry to the sick and homebound members of the congregation, and  
22 he offered encouragement and inspiration to countless people in  
23 need; and

24 WHEREAS, With his generosity, compassion, and strong belief

1 in education and hard work, Willie Hall was an outstanding role  
2 model for young people in the community; blessed with a devoted  
3 wife, Edna, for 65 years, he inspired love and respect in all those  
4 who were privileged to know him, and he will long be remembered with  
5 great affection; now, therefore, be it

6         RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas  
7 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Willie Hall and extend  
8 deepest sympathy to the members of his family: to his daughter,  
9 Camilla Hall Jackson; to his sons, James Hall and his wife, Stella,  
10 Willie M. Hall and his wife, Ida, and Fredrick Hall and his wife,  
11 Alda; to his grandchildren, Riki Moore Henry and her husband,  
12 David, Kelli Hall Barnett and her husband, Martin, Regina Moore,  
13 Feleshia Hall Sams, Fredrick Hall II, and Langston Hall; to his five  
14 great-grandchildren; and to his other relatives and many friends;  
15 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 Willie  
19 Hall.