

By: Veasey

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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Steave Randolph Powell, Jr., of Forest Hill, who  
2 left an indelible imprint on the hearts of family and friends alike,  
3 passed away on June 20, 2010, at the age of 72; and

4 WHEREAS, Steave Powell was born in Palmer on August 21, 1937,  
5 to Steave R. Powell, Sr., and Amanda Powell; after graduating from  
6 I. M. Terrell High School in Fort Worth in 1955, he attended Prairie  
7 View A&M University, where he earned his bachelor of science degree  
8 in biology with a minor in physics; a lifelong learner with an  
9 interest in technology, he pursued an associate's degree in air  
10 conditioning and refrigeration from Tarrant County Junior College,  
11 and he studied at Texas Christian University, The University of  
12 Texas at Arlington, the University of Southern California, and  
13 Union College in Schenectady, New York; and

14 WHEREAS, After college, Mr. Powell worked as a high school  
15 teacher and coach for six years; he joined Bell Helicopter Textron  
16 in 1966, and at the time of his retirement in 2001, he held the post  
17 of senior engineer specialist with the field investigative lab; an  
18 authority on aircraft accident investigation, he coedited  
19 *Fractography of Ceramic and Metal Failures*, in addition to  
20 authoring a hundred articles and papers in his field; and

21 WHEREAS, Mr. Powell met his wife, Alice, while a student at  
22 Prairie View A&M, and they married in 1959; they enjoyed a rewarding  
23 union of 51 years and were blessed with a daughter, Alice Renae, as  
24 well as a granddaughter, Ivana Renae Thompson; and

1           WHEREAS, A man of strong religious faith, Mr. Powell attended  
2 St. Peter Presbyterian Church, where he taught Sunday school and  
3 served as a ruling elder and usher; active in his community, he was  
4 a member of the NAACP and YMCA and a former president of the  
5 Ambassadors Club of Fort Worth; his professional affiliations  
6 encompassed the Texas Alliance for Minorities in Engineering, which  
7 he cofounded, the Electron Microscopic Society, and the American  
8 Society for Testing and Materials, of which he was a past president;  
9 he was also a Master Mason and a Shriner; and

10           WHEREAS, Mr. Powell loved spending time with his family, and  
11 he especially enjoyed playing with his granddaughter, Ivana; his  
12 wide-ranging pastimes included barbecuing, a skill for which he was  
13 particularly known, as well as photography, fishing, golfing,  
14 bowling, traveling, riding motorcycles, and tinkering with  
15 electronic gadgets; and

16           WHEREAS, Steave Randolph Powell, Jr., lived a rich and  
17 productive life, and he will forever be remembered with deep  
18 affection by all those who held him dear; now, therefore, be it

19           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas  
20 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Steave R. Powell,  
21 Jr., and extend sincere condolences to the members of his family: to  
22 his wife, Alice Powell; to his daughter, Alice Renae Thompson, and  
23 her husband, Tyrone; to his granddaughter, Ivana Renae Thompson; to  
24 his brothers, Marvin Powell and his wife, Anita, James Powell and  
25 his wife, Debra, and Harold Powell; to his sisters, Bobbye Traylor  
26 and her husband, Sam, and Theresa Powell; and to his other relatives  
27 and friends; and, be it further

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1           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
2 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
3 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Steave R.  
4 Powell, Jr.