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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 death of Ernest Zachary Clouser of Houston on
3 December 6, 2010, at the age of 88; and

4 WHEREAS, Ernest Clouser was born in Galveston on September
5 28, 1922, to John and Hazel Clouser; after graduating from Central
6 High School, he earned a bachelor's degree from Prairie View Normal
7 and Industrial College in 1943 and a master's degree from Texas
8 Southern University in 1952; he later undertook postgraduate
9 studies at Arizona State University; and

10 WHEREAS, For three decades, Mr. Clouser was an educator with
11 the Houston Independent School District; he was the first person to
12 head the commercial education department at Phillis Wheatley High
13 School, where he taught typing, bookkeeping, business law, and
14 stenography; he went on to serve as the assistant principal at
15 Burrus and Harper Junior High Schools, and in 1961 he was appointed
16 principal at Paul Laurence Dunbar Elementary School, a post he held
17 for nearly two decades before retiring in 1979; in addition to his
18 work in education, he was an insurance agent with Atlanta Life
19 Insurance in Galveston; and

20 WHEREAS, This dedicated civic leader served his community in
21 a variety of roles; he was a voter precinct judge, the chair of the
22 Transportation Committee for the Houston Citizens Chamber of
23 Commerce, the president of the Southwood Civic Club, and a member of
24 the board of Julius C. Hester House; a life member of the Knights of

1 St. Peter Claver and an honorary member of the Phillis Wheatley
2 Alumni Association, he was also active in the Alpha Phi Alpha
3 fraternity, the Galveston Historical Society, the Texas Good
4 Roads/Transportation Association, the Prairie View Alumni
5 Association, the Houston Professional Administrators, and the
6 Harris County Council of Organizations; and

7 WHEREAS, In all of his endeavors, Mr. Clouser enjoyed the
8 love and support of his wife, the former Margaret Phelps, and over
9 the course of their 67 years together, the couple was blessed with
10 two sons, Ernest and Joel, and seven grandchildren; and

11 WHEREAS, Through hard work and an abiding concern for others,
12 Ernest Clouser made a significant contribution to the lives of his
13 fellow citizens, and he leaves behind a record of service that his
14 loved ones can remember with pride; now, therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
16 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Ernest Zachary
17 Clouser and extend sincere condolences to the members of his
18 family: to his wife, Margaret Phelps Clouser; to his sons, Ernest
19 Frederick Clouser and Joel C. Clouser and his wife, Gloria; to his
20 brothers, John Zachary Clouser and Gerald Zachary Clouser and his
21 wife, Izora; to his seven grandchildren and his
22 great-grandchildren; and to his other relatives and friends; and,
23 be it further

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