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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Family, friends, and former colleagues will forever
2 cherish their memories of longtime Dallas school administrator
3 Dr. H. B. Bell, who passed away on May 25, 2012, at the age of 74;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, Born on April 13, 1938, in Smith County to John Henry
6 and Pauline Bell, H. B. Bell studied biology and English at Prairie
7 View A&M University and returned to the school to earn a master's
8 degree in administration and supervision; he later received a
9 doctorate in education from Texas A&M University-Commerce; and

10 WHEREAS, Dr. Bell began his distinguished career as an
11 assistant dean and a professor of English at Rust College in
12 Mississippi, and he subsequently came to Dallas and taught at James
13 Madison and L. G. Pinkston High Schools; transitioning to
14 administration, he worked at Boude Story Junior High School, North
15 Dallas High School, and the Yvonne Ewell Townview Magnet Center,
16 where he served as executive director and educational planner and
17 guided the progress of the first graduating class at that
18 institution; and

19 WHEREAS, Assuming greater responsibility, Dr. Bell served in
20 a number of executive-level positions in the Dallas Independent
21 School District, including as director of teacher education
22 centers, assistant superintendent for elementary instruction,
23 special assistant to the general superintendent, and associate
24 superintendent of alternative programs; in addition, he was

1 employed as an adjunct professor at Texas A&M University-Commerce,
2 and he oversaw his own educational consulting company and served as
3 an advisor to the National Association of Secondary School
4 Principals; a prominent member of his profession, he belonged to
5 the National Alliance of Black School Educators, evaluated campuses
6 as part of a National Blue Ribbon Schools committee, and presented
7 papers at many conferences; he retired in 2005 after 42 years in
8 education; and

9 WHEREAS, Dr. Bell was recognized for his achievements with an
10 Outstanding Administrative Leadership in Education Award and an
11 NAACP Outstanding Educator Award, and he was inducted into the
12 Dallas School Administrators Association Hall of Fame; moreover, he
13 was named a distinguished alumnus by both of his college alma
14 maters; and

15 WHEREAS, Dedicated to his community, Dr. Bell gave generously
16 of his time and talents as a volunteer; he was a life member of the
17 Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity and was active in Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity
18 and Alpha Epsilon Boule, as well as the NAACP, the Dallas SET Club,
19 and the Cotillion Idlewild Club, which he served as president; and

20 WHEREAS, In all of his endeavors, Dr. Bell enjoyed the love
21 and support of his wife, Susie, and his daughters, Diedrae,
22 Dionica, and Halice; and

23 WHEREAS, Dr. H. B. Bell made a positive difference in the
24 lives of countless young Texans during his years of service in the
25 Dallas public schools, and his legacy will continue to resonate
26 long into the future; now, therefore, be it

27 RESOLVED, That tribute be paid to the life of Dr. H. B. Bell

1 and that deepest sympathy be extended to the members of his family:
2 to his wife, Susie Bell; to his daughters, Diedrae Carron
3 Bell-Hunter, Dionica Britte Bell, and Halice Jacquelyn Furtado and
4 her husband, Kenneth; to his granddaughter, Peyton Elise
5 Bell-Hunter; to his sisters, Polly Ann Williams and Verna Carroll;
6 to his brothers, Matthew Bell and his wife, Tina, and Timothy Bell
7 and his wife, Trina; and to his other relatives and many friends;
8 and, be it further

9 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
10 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
11 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Dr. H. B.
12 Bell.