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H.R. No. 919

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Prairie View A&M University lost a beloved member of
2 its community with the passing of Dr. Waymon T. Webster on February
3 16, 2015, at the age of 87; and

4 WHEREAS, Born on July 29, 1927, in Hearne to John and Mary
5 Webster, Waymon Webster graduated from Blackshear High School and
6 went on to serve his country as a member of the U.S. Army; upon the
7 completion of his military service, he enrolled at Prairie View A&M
8 University, where he earned his bachelor's and master's degrees in
9 music; he later attended the University of North Dakota and Texas
10 A&M University, where he received his doctorate in educational
11 psychology; he began his career at the secondary level, working as
12 the band instructor at Kemp High School for more than a decade; and

13 WHEREAS, Dr. Webster joined the faculty at Prairie View A&M
14 in 1967, and over the course of his exemplary tenure at the school,
15 he worked diligently in behalf of its students while earning the
16 admiration and respect of his peers; he held a number of
17 administrative positions, including dean of the graduate school,
18 head of the psychology department and the department of counselor
19 education, and coordinator of the counseling program and counseling
20 services, and he was a member of the Graduate Council and the
21 Council of Deans; he also gave freely of his time as an advisor for
22 Phi Delta Kappa and Chi Sigma Iota; and

23 WHEREAS, This esteemed academician rendered service far
24 beyond the bounds of his own campus; as a consultant with the

1 National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education, he helped
2 to evaluate teacher certification programs at a number of schools
3 in Texas, as well as at Southern University; he also served as a
4 board member for Brazos County Counseling Services and as a
5 consultant for cities across the state; he was licensed in a wide
6 range of counseling disciplines, and he was affiliated with such
7 professional organizations as the American Counseling Association
8 and the American Mental Health Counselors Association; and

9 WHEREAS, Dr. Webster was frequently recognized for his many
10 academic and professional contributions; among the accolades
11 conferred on him were Service Awards from Brazos County Counseling
12 Services and the Prairie View A&M Chapter of Phi Delta Kappa and
13 Distinguished Service Awards from Kemp High School and the Veterans
14 Institute of Prairie View; and

15 WHEREAS, In all his endeavors, Waymon Webster enjoyed the
16 love and support of his wife of 57 years, Bernice Webster; he was
17 the proud father of three children, Jacques, Travis, and Senora,
18 and he knew the joy of welcoming seven grandchildren into his
19 cherished family; a man of many interests, he took great pleasure in
20 fishing, gardening, listening to jazz, arranging music on his
21 keyboard, and playing bridge; and

22 WHEREAS, Although Dr. Webster is greatly missed, he has left
23 an indelible imprint on the lives of countless individuals, and he
24 will forever be remembered with deep affection by all who were
25 privileged to know him; now, therefore, be it

26 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
27 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Dr. Waymon T. Webster

1 and extend sincere condolences to the members of his family: to his
2 wife, Bernice Webster; to his children and their spouses, Jacques
3 Webster and his wife, Wanda, Travis Webster and his wife, Debra, and
4 Senora Sims and her husband, Alan; to his grandchildren, Travette,
5 Jacques, Tej, Jordan, and Joshua Webster and Akili and Nia Sims; to
6 his brother, Charles Webster, and his wife, Faye; to his sisters,
7 Esther Roach and Willie Gentry; and to his other relatives and many
8 friends; 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. Waymon
12 T. Webster.