

By: Davis of Dallas

H.R. No. 1348

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The death of Dr. Kendell Beck of Dallas on March 11,  
2 2015, at the age of 81, brought a great loss to his family, friends,  
3 and colleagues; and

4           WHEREAS, Born on August 19, 1933, Kendell Beck graduated as  
5 the salutatorian of Booker T. Washington High School before earning  
6 his bachelor's degree from Paul Quinn College; he went on to  
7 complete a master's degree in education at Prairie View A&M  
8 University, receive certificates in mathematics from East Texas  
9 State University and communication from Texas A&M University, and  
10 earn doctorates in ministry and philosophy from Vision  
11 International University; and

12           WHEREAS, Dr. Beck was employed as a food inspector with the  
13 federal government for a decade prior to embarking on a career in  
14 education with the Dallas Independent School District; he worked in  
15 the district for more than 30 years, teaching mathematics and  
16 holding a number of important administrative positions, including  
17 principal and director of alternative programs; and

18           WHEREAS, Active in his professional community, Dr. Beck was a  
19 member of the Texas State Teachers Association, the National  
20 Alliance of Black School Educators, the Texas Alliance of Black  
21 School Educators, and the National Teachers Association, among  
22 others; in addition, he helped raise scholarship funds for  
23 Dallas-area students through his affiliation with the United Negro  
24 College Fund; and

1           WHEREAS, Dr. Beck also gave freely of his time and energies  
2 as president of the Paul Quinn College National Alumni Association,  
3 and he was a board member and chair for Volunteers of America Texas;  
4 a man of deep faith, he was a certified lay speaker for the United  
5 Methodist Church and a valued congregant of St. Paul United  
6 Methodist Church, which he served as a steward and trustee; and

7           WHEREAS, Through the years, Dr. Beck was recognized with many  
8 awards and honors, such as the 2007 Outstanding Texan Award from the  
9 Texas Legislative Black Caucus and the Presidential Citation from  
10 the Paul Quinn College National Association for Equal Opportunity  
11 in Higher Education; and

12           WHEREAS, In all his endeavors, he enjoyed the love and  
13 support of his wife, Dr. Mary Beck, and he took great pride in their  
14 children, Kendell, Cheryl, Janice, Reginald, Taft, and Edward, and  
15 in their eight grandchildren and five great-grandchildren; and

16           WHEREAS, Kendell Beck made a positive impact in countless  
17 lives through his contributions as an educator and as a leader in  
18 his community, and he leaves behind a record of service that his  
19 loved ones can remember with pride; now, therefore, be it

20           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas  
21 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Dr. Kendell Beck  
22 and extend sincere condolences to the members of his family: to his  
23 wife, Dr. Mary Beck; to his children, Kendell Beck Jr., Cheryl  
24 White and her husband, Robert, Janice Beck, Reginald Beck, Taft  
25 Wilson Jr. and his wife, Aletha, and Edward Wilson and his wife,  
26 Henretta; to his grandchildren, Chinekwau Alexander, Dedrick and  
27 Brittany White, and Daiquari, Taft, Rodrick, Tiffany, and Edward

1 Wilson; to his great-grandchildren, Kenadee, Kourtnee, Aryah,  
2 Kamron, and Kyra; and to his other relatives and many friends; and,  
3 be it further

4         RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
5 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
6 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of  
7 Dr. Kendell Beck.