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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Countless lives were touched by the generosity and
2 dedication of Dr. Warren Henry Hawkins, a longtime educator and
3 administrator at Wiley College, who passed away on April 30, 2015,
4 at the age of 80; and

5 WHEREAS, Warren Hawkins was born on April 1, 1935, in
6 Groesbeck to W. H. Hawkins and Mary Taylor; he graduated from Wiley
7 College in 1954 and began a teaching career that took him to the
8 Rusk, Alto, Cuero, and Sulphur Springs school districts; returning
9 to college, he received his master's degree in music education from
10 Texas Southern University and his doctoral degree from Texas A&M
11 University--Commerce in 1974, and he enlisted during this time in
12 the United States Army and the National Guard; and

13 WHEREAS, In 1966, Dr. Hawkins embarked on his long and
14 rewarding tenure with Wiley College, which he served in a variety of
15 capacities over the course of a half-century; he was the band
16 director for the college for many years, and he spent 35 years as
17 the undergraduate advisor for the Beta Chapter of Phi Beta Sigma
18 Fraternity, having initially joined the fraternity as a student; a
19 revered figure on campus, he was frequently consulted for his
20 institutional knowledge, and he was serving as director of
21 institutional research planning and assessment at the time of his
22 passing; and

23 WHEREAS, Dr. Hawkins married the love of his life, the former
24 Effie Louise McClelland, on October 2, 1960, and they were blessed

1 with two sons, Kenneth and Keith; when his children were younger, he
2 was an ever-present fixture on the sidelines during their school
3 and athletic activities and sometimes volunteered as a coach or
4 umpire; he was also a devout member of Ebenezer United Methodist
5 Church, where he played the organ, served as the choir director, and
6 shared his time on several committees; and

7 WHEREAS, Although the loss of Dr. Warren Hawkins is
8 profoundly felt by his loved ones and the many individuals who knew
9 him at Wiley College and in the Marshall community, memories of his
10 quiet strength, his keen mind, and his unselfish service to others
11 will remain a source of inspiration for years to come; now,
12 therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
14 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Dr. Warren Henry
15 Hawkins and extend deepest sympathy to the members of his family: to
16 his wife, Effie L. Hawkins; to his sons, Kenneth Hawkins and his
17 wife, Deborah, and Keith Hawkins and his wife, Monda; to his
18 grandson, Matthew Kadeem Hawkins; to his brother, Nathaniel
19 Gilbert; to his sisters, Orlene McCullough and Maxine Davis and her
20 husband, A. J.; and to his other relatives and friends; and, be it
21 further

22 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
23 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
24 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Dr. Warren
25 Hawkins.