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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 passing of esteemed educator and community leader
3 Clifford Charles Baker Jr. of Tyler on November 28, 2014, at the age
4 of 74; and

5 WHEREAS, Born in Murfreesboro, Tennessee, on August 26, 1940,
6 C. C. Baker attended Tyler Junior College in 1960 and went on to
7 graduate with bachelor's and master's degrees from Texas Christian
8 University; and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. Baker enjoyed a career in education that spanned
10 more than three decades; he taught for a year at W. C. Stripling
11 Junior High School in Fort Worth, and in 1965, he returned to Tyler,
12 where he coached at Hogg Junior High School for six years before
13 serving as assistant principal and then principal at John Tyler
14 High School; in 1981, when a fire destroyed the school, he went back
15 into the burning building to retrieve important records and in the
16 aftermath helped seamlessly transfer students to a nearby campus;
17 he was later named superintendent of the Athens Independent School
18 District; and

19 WHEREAS, Mr. Baker was subsequently hired as a development
20 officer at Tyler Junior College, where he helped establish
21 scholarship programs and build community support in behalf of his
22 alma mater through the TJC Foundation; and

23 WHEREAS, Despite his busy professional life, Mr. Baker found
24 time to serve on the boards of many worthwhile organizations, and he

1 was a longtime congregant of the First Christian Church of Tyler;
2 and

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Baker shared a rewarding relationship with his
4 wife, Brenda, and he was a loving father to their son, Joel; and

5 WHEREAS, Devoted to his family, faith, and community,
6 C. C. Baker will be deeply missed, but the integrity and generosity
7 with which he lived his life will forever inspire all those who had
8 the good fortune to know him; now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
10 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Clifford Charles
11 Baker Jr. and extend sincere condolences to the members of his
12 family: to his wife, Brenda Baker; to his son, Joel Baker; and to
13 his many other relatives and friends; and, be it further

14 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
15 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
16 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of
17 C. C. Baker.