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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 the Reverend Lonnie Charles Bell Sr. of  
3 Pittsburg on May 4, 2015, at the age of 98; and

4           WHEREAS, The son of Johnny Floyd Bell and Bessie Hill Bell,  
5 Lonnie Bell was born in Mount Vernon on June 13, 1916; he moved to  
6 Mount Pleasant in the 1920s, and he graduated from Booker  
7 T. Washington High School; at an early age, he joined the church,  
8 and he served in several capacities before accepting his call to the  
9 ministry; and

10           WHEREAS, Reverend Bell was a loyal member of the East Texas  
11 Annual Conference, and over the course of 65 years, he pastored more  
12 than 30 churches, providing spiritual guidance and kind assistance  
13 to innumerable people; he was also employed at Red River Army Depot  
14 for 30 years before his retirement; Reverend Bell was predeceased  
15 by his first wife, Essie Lee Hooks Bell, and by two of his  
16 daughters, Elizabeth "Cat" Johnson and Willie F. Warren; and

17           WHEREAS, While the death of Lonnie Bell brings great sorrow  
18 to his loved ones, they may find solace in memories of his faith and  
19 devotion, and he will forever hold a special place in their hearts;  
20 now, therefore, be it

21           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas  
22 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of the Reverend Lonnie  
23 Charles Bell Sr. and extend sincere sympathy to the members of his  
24 family: to his wife, Alberta Crump Bell; to his sons, the Reverend

1 Lonnie Charles Bell Jr. and his wife, Nellie, the Reverend Johnny  
2 Floyd Bell and his wife, Cencil, and Marvin Joe Reynolds; to his  
3 daughters, Barbara Jackson and Dorothy Nixon; to his 28  
4 grandchildren, 44 great-grandchildren, and 18  
5 great-great-grandchildren; and to his many other relatives and  
6 friends; and, be it further

7       RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
8 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
9 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of the  
10 Reverend Lonnie Charles Bell Sr.