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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A rich and purposeful life drew to a close with the
2 passing of John Mills Carter Sr. of Fort Worth on June 23, 2017, at
3 the age of 81; and

4 WHEREAS, A native of Shreveport, Louisiana, Mr. Carter was
5 born on June 6, 1936; he graduated from Booker T. Washington High
6 School in 1955, and after completing his education at Spaulding
7 Business College, he followed in his father's footsteps by
8 embarking on a career in the food service industry; and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. Carter owned a small café and nightclub in
10 Louisiana before moving to Texas in 1961; he went on to manage
11 several restaurants in the Dallas/Fort Worth area, and in 1992, he
12 opened John Carter's Place in Fort Worth; under his leadership, the
13 restaurant became a mainstay within the community, and over the
14 years, it received a number of honors, including multiple Best of
15 Tarrant County awards; after closing that establishment,
16 Mr. Carter continued to operate a catering business before passing
17 the reins on to his family; and

18 WHEREAS, This esteemed Texan earned a host of accolades for
19 his professional and civic engagement; he was recognized as a
20 Coca-Cola African-American Hero, a Quest for Success honoree, and a
21 Dr. Marion J. Brooks Living Legend, and he also received an award
22 for his advocacy in behalf of the youth of Tarrant County; and

23 WHEREAS, Sustained by a deep and abiding faith, John Carter
24 was a longtime congregant at the Greater Mount Tabor Christian

1 Center, where he sang baritone with the senior choir; he
2 additionally served the church as a deacon and Sunday school
3 teacher and as a member of the executive leadership council and the
4 food service ministry; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Carter was a devoted husband to his wife of 55
6 years, Louella, and the proud father of three children, Robert,
7 Denise, and John Carter Jr.; he also took great delight in time
8 spent with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and

9 WHEREAS, Although John Carter will be deeply missed, he has
10 left his family and friends with a wealth of memories that they will
11 forever treasure; now, therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
13 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the life of
14 John Mills Carter Sr. and extend sincere condolences to all those
15 who mourn his passing; and, be it further

16 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
17 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
18 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of John
19 Carter.