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## RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Countless lives were enriched by the kindness and 2 wisdom of the Reverend Dr. Grayson Glass of Texas City, who passed 3 away on November 6, 2016, at the age of 87; and

WHEREAS, Grayson Glass was born in Streetman on May 22, 1929, 4 5 to Jack and Belle Glass; an alumnus of Sweeny High School, he majored in music at the University of Corpus Christi and later 6 7 earned a master's degree in theology from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary; he had a fulfilling 65-year career as a 8 9 minister, guiding numerous congregations before assuming the pulpit of the First Baptist Church of Texas City, where he enjoyed 10 11 an esteemed tenure until his retirement; he further distinguished 12 himself as director of missions for the Galveston Baptist Association, as executive board chair of the Baptist General 13 14 Convention of Texas, as a member of the Home Mission Board, and as a trustee of Houston Baptist University, which conferred on him an 15 16 honorary doctorate; and

WHEREAS, On September 4, 1951, Pastor Glass was joined in 17 matrimony to the former Patsy Waskow, and the couple shared six and 18 a half decades together; over the years, they were blessed with a 19 20 treasured family that included two daughters, Sheri Williams and 21 her husband, Tom, and Louann Graves and her husband, Thomas, as well as five grandchildren, Brent Seymour, Caroline and Mitchell Graves, 22 23 and Brian and Denise Williams, and three great-grandchildren, Grant, Savannah, and Gabrielle Williams; and 24

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1 WHEREAS, Grayson Glass lived a caring and purposeful life 2 centered around his faith, his family, and his community, and he 3 will long be fondly remembered for his generous service to others; 4 now, therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas 6 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of the Reverend 7 Dr. Grayson Glass and extend sincere condolences to the members of 8 his family and to his friends; and, be it further

9 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be 10 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of 11 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of the 12 Reverend Dr. Grayson Glass.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 144 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on February 23, 2017.

Chief Clerk of the House