

By: Davis of Dallas

H.R. No. 356

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The City of Dallas lost an esteemed civic leader
2 with the passing of former Dallas Independent School Board
3 president Hollis Brashear on February 5, 2016, at the age of 81; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in 1935, Hollis Brashear grew up in southern
5 Dallas during segregation; he spent summers as a boy picking cotton
6 to help support his family and worked as a janitor at Prairie View
7 A&M University while completing his bachelor's degree in civil
8 engineering; subsequently, he completed a master's degree at
9 Oklahoma State University; and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. Brashear was commissioned as a second
11 lieutenant in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and commanded a
12 combat engineer company near the demilitarized zone in Korea; he
13 went on to serve in France and in the Vietnam War, earning many
14 decorations, among them two Bronze Stars; in 1979, he concluded a
15 distinguished military career that spanned 21 years and returned to
16 his hometown, where he served as director of the City of Dallas
17 Building Services Department; he also managed the Dallas office of
18 the Williams, Russell, and Johnson engineering firm and founded HNB
19 Consulting Engineers; and

20 WHEREAS, Mr. Brashear won a seat on the Dallas ISD board in
21 1992 and became a strong voice for the educational needs of minority
22 children; he was twice elected president and provided calm
23 leadership during a contentious period; moreover, he was a mentor
24 and role model to other African American public officials; further

1 benefiting his community, he gave of his time and expertise to such
2 organizations as the Oak Cliff Chamber of Commerce, The University
3 of Texas at Dallas development board, the Dallas County Appraisal
4 District board, and the Dallas Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha
5 Fraternity; and

6 WHEREAS, After retiring from the school board in 2006,
7 Mr. Brashear remained active in educational matters while serving
8 as the caregiver for his beloved wife, Minnie, who passed away in
9 2014; he was the devoted father of Enez Brashear and Teresa
10 Brashear-Briscoe; and

11 WHEREAS, Hollis Brashear made a meaningful difference in the
12 lives of his loved ones and fellow citizens alike, and he will be
13 remembered with admiration and affection by all who were fortunate
14 enough to know him; now, therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
16 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Hollis Brashear and
17 extend deepest sympathy to those who mourn his passing; and, be it
18 further

19 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
20 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
21 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Hollis
22 Brashear.