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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A rich and rewarding life drew to a close with the
2 passing of Benton Warren Cain of Waxahachie on February 22, 2017, at
3 the age of 91; and

4 WHEREAS, Born on February 3, 1926, in Yoakum, Benton Cain was
5 the son of Arthur and Lucy Cain; he graduated from Yoakum High
6 School and enrolled at Rice University, where he received a
7 bachelor's degree; during his time at Rice, he felt the call to join
8 the ministry, and he went on to enter Southwestern Baptist
9 Theological Seminary and earn his master's degree in religious
10 studies; and

11 WHEREAS, Benton Cain worked as a minister of music and
12 education at churches in Dallas and in Jonesboro, Arkansas, and
13 after he was drafted into the United States Army, he drew on his
14 training to take on the role of chaplain's assistant; returning to
15 civilian life, he married the former Wanda Schwartz in 1956 while he
16 was living in Colorado City, Texas; for a time, he served as pastor
17 of Doole Baptist Church and worked as a schoolteacher and coach in
18 the town of Melvin, until he and his wife made Waxahachie their home
19 in 1967; and

20 WHEREAS, Mr. Cain taught language arts at Waxahachie Junior
21 High School before completing his library certification at The
22 University of Texas and becoming a librarian at Waxahachie High;
23 believing that the library should be the center of learning, he
24 championed the use of computers as an invaluable research tool, and

1 he took pleasure in helping members of the Junior Historians
2 explore the library's resources; one of the greatest joys in his
3 life came when it was announced that the new high school's library
4 would be named in honor of him and his wife; and

5 WHEREAS, This caring Texan cherished his family, which
6 included his daughter, Candace, his grandchildren, Moriah and
7 Robert, and his great-grandchildren, Viola and Gioia; he served the
8 First Baptist Church of Waxahachie as a deacon and longtime member
9 of the choir, as well as in many teaching and planning roles; he
10 wrote poetry in his free time, and he often delighted in sharing his
11 passion for gardening with visitors to his home; and

12 WHEREAS, Although Benton Cain is deeply missed, memories of
13 his strong faith, his devotion to his family, and his kindness and
14 generosity to others remain to comfort and inspire those he leaves
15 behind; now, therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
17 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Benton Warren Cain and
18 extend sincere sympathy to all who mourn his passing; and, be it
19 further

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