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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 Rickey Clay Turner Sr. of Fort Worth on
3 July 10, 2016, at the age of 56; and

4 WHEREAS, The son of Eugene Turner and Hattie Newton, Rickey
5 Turner was born in Mount Pleasant, where he grew up in the company
6 of his brother, Eugene, and two sisters, Val and Varnasa; in high
7 school, he excelled in both academics and sports, and he
8 distinguished himself as a standout running back on the school's
9 football team; he continued to play football while attending Austin
10 College in Sherman, earning acclaim as a member of the 1981 National
11 Championship team; following his graduation, he moved to Fort Worth
12 and took a job with the Equitable and Eckert Drugstore; and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. Turner began a notable 16-year tenure with the
14 Fort Worth Fire Department in September 1987, working as a swing man
15 at multiple stations, and he was subsequently promoted to engineer;
16 in his spare time, he pursued a master's degree in counseling and
17 served as a substitute teacher; after being injured in the line of
18 duty, Mr. Turner moved into fire safety education, and he taught
19 children and parents and provided support for families of juvenile
20 fire setters until his retirement in 2003; having died as a result
21 of injuries sustained in the line of duty, he became the first
22 African American to be added to the Fort Worth Police and
23 Firefighters Memorial wall on March 21, 2017; and

24 WHEREAS, In all his endeavors, Mr. Turner drew strength from

1 the rewarding marriage he shared with his wife, Sheila, and he took
2 great pride in their two children, Rickey and Christina; and

3 WHEREAS, Rickey Turner was a devoted family man and a
4 significant asset to his community, and his commitment to his loved
5 ones and to the citizens of Fort Worth will be remembered and
6 admired for years to come; now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
8 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Rickey Clay Turner Sr.
9 and extend sincere condolences to his family and friends; and, be it
10 further

11 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
12 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
13 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Rickey
14 Turner.