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H.R. No. 2237

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Family and friends are mourning the loss of former
2 Dallas City Council member Donald W. Hill, who passed away on May
3 13, 2017, at the age of 65; and

4 WHEREAS, The son of Wooldridge and Mary Hill, Don Hill was
5 born in Austin in 1951; he completed his bachelor's degree in
6 history at Lamar University and went on to graduate magna cum laude
7 from the Texas Southern University Thurgood Marshall School of Law;
8 in 1978, he joined the U.S. Department of Labor in Dallas, and he
9 later entered private practice, specializing in civil litigation
10 and employment law; his achievements included a 1993 discrimination
11 lawsuit against the City of Dallas that led to the promotion of 17
12 African American detectives; and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. Hill first won a seat on the city council in
14 1999; re-elected three times, he served as mayor pro tem; he worked
15 to facilitate commercial development in Victory Park, to bring a
16 University of North Texas campus to Dallas, and to ensure that
17 minority vendors were considered for city contracts; he also served
18 as a member of the Dallas Police and Fire Pension System Board, and
19 he shared his expertise with many committees, including the
20 Finance, Audit, and Accountability Committee, the Economic
21 Development and Housing Committee, and the Transportation and
22 Environmental Committee; moreover, he served the National League of
23 Cities as a member of the Community and Economic Development Policy
24 Committee; and

1 WHEREAS, Over the years, Mr. Hill was recognized by numerous
2 organizations; he was named Community Man of the Year for 2000, and
3 he received the Celebration of African American Men Award and the
4 Mutual Assistance Association for the Ethiopian Community
5 Certificate of Recognition; and

6 WHEREAS, Affable and outgoing, Don Hill will be deeply missed
7 by his family and many friends, but he will forever hold a special
8 place in their hearts; now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
10 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of the Honorable
11 Donald W. Hill and extend sincere sympathy to his loved ones; and,
12 be it further

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