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By:  Davis of Dallas H.R. No. 2088

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, A full and productive life drew to a close with the passing of admired educator Dr. Robert Brown Jr. of Dallas on May 15, 2019, at the age of 86; and

WHEREAS, Born in Dallas on October 15, 1932, Robert Brown was the son of Robert and Elzena Brown; he grew up with three siblings, Elsa, Dean, and Margaret; after graduating from Lincoln High School, he went on to receive a bachelor's degree in mathematics from Huston-Tillotson University, a master's degree from the University of North Texas, and a doctoral degree in education from Nova Southeastern University; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Brown began his career in Sulphur Springs before joining Dallas ISD as a teacher at Sequoyah Junior High School; he became assistant principal at H. S. Thompson Elementary and then principal of Roger Q. Mills Elementary and Boude Storey Junior High; in 1972, he was named director/principal of Paul L. Dunbar Learning Center, and during the reorganization of the district, he was appointed director of Area IV; he ultimately rose to become assistant superintendent of personnel before his retirement in 1989; fluent in Spanish, he also served throughout his tenure as a translator when needed; he later taught in the GED program in Garland, and he was recognized by the mayor for preparing more than 200 students to earn their diplomas; in 2008, he was inducted into the African American Educators Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, Devoted to his family, Dr. Brown shared a rewarding marriage of 65 years with his wife, Paula Brown, until her passing; he was the father of five children, Robbie, who preceded him in death, and Michael, David, Robert, and Janet; in addition, he took great pride in his nine grandchildren and three great-grandchildren; he gave generously of his time to Dallas Big Brothers, and he served Kappa Alpha Psi as the 20th Polemarch of the Dallas Alumni Chapter; moreover, he was a member of Phi Delta Kappa, the Brown Bombers bowling team, and the Couples Club of Dallas; and

WHEREAS, While the death of Robert Brown brings great sadness to his family and friends, he leaves behind a legacy that will long be treasured by all those who held him dear; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Dr. Robert Brown Jr. and extend sincere condolences to his loved ones; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Dr. Robert Brown Jr.