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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 Harold Kenneth Elliott of Arlington on
3 February 6, 2019, at the age of 83; and

4 WHEREAS, The son of Othel and Veda Elliott, Harold Elliott
5 was born in Clarendon on June 9, 1935; when he was only 14, he began
6 preaching, and he became a pastor two years later; he graduated from
7 The University of Texas at Arlington and Southwestern Baptist
8 Theological Seminary; in 1952, he married the former Norma Haws,
9 and they became the parents of three children, Tina, Ken, and
10 Sherrie; he eventually welcomed into his cherished family four
11 grandchildren, Andrea, Ashley, Kathryn, and Jonathan, and two
12 great-grandchildren, Mia and Gavin; and

13 WHEREAS, This esteemed clergyman was a pastor for three
14 decades and led Parkview Baptist Church from 1959 until his
15 retirement in 1982; in 1973, he began serving as a volunteer
16 chaplain for the Arlington Police Department, and he became its
17 first full-time chaplain in 1982; the officers gave him the
18 affectionate nickname "Chappy," and following his retirement in
19 2004, he continued to volunteer in his familiar role until his
20 passing; and

21 WHEREAS, After the 9/11 terrorist attacks, Chaplain Elliott
22 consoled first responders in New York City, and over the years, he
23 provided spiritual guidance in a number of other major disasters,
24 including the Branch Davidian crisis, the Oklahoma City bombing,

1 and Hurricane Katrina; he held credentials from the Texas
2 Department of Public Safety Critical Incident Stress Team, the
3 Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, and the
4 Tarrant County Sheriff's Department; he was also the author of two
5 books and produced two films, and in 1982, he founded the Police
6 Museum, which was named in his honor in 2004; and

7 WHEREAS, Harold Elliott was a source of wisdom and comfort to
8 innumerable people, and although he will be deeply missed, those
9 who were fortunate enough to know him will continue to find
10 inspiration in his faith, compassion, and devotion; now, therefore,
11 be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas
13 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Harold Kenneth
14 Elliott and extend sincere condolences to all who mourn his
15 passing; and, be it further

16 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
17 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
18 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Harold
19 Kenneth Elliott.