

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Willis West Jr. passed away on March 1, 2019, at the  
2 age of 91, concluding a life that was rich in meaningful  
3 accomplishments; and

4           WHEREAS, Born in Tulsa, Oklahoma, on June 18, 1927, Willis  
5 West Jr. was the son of Willis West Sr. and Maggie Spears-West, and  
6 he grew up with the companionship of five siblings, Leron, Mildred,  
7 James, Julia, and Bobbie; he attended public schools in Oklahoma  
8 before joining the United States Army in 1946; stationed at Fort  
9 George G. Meade in Maryland, he was assigned as a reconnaissance  
10 car crewman, and he was recognized for his service with the Vietnam  
11 Service Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Purple  
12 Heart, and the Honorary Medal for Governance & Leadership; and

13           WHEREAS, A member of the National Carpenter's Union, Mr. West  
14 worked as a self-employed carpenter, and in the course of his  
15 career, he served as a mentor to anyone who wanted to learn the  
16 trade; he ultimately retired in 1995 as a master carpenter; over the  
17 years, he also made his living as a seafood and produce vendor; and

18           WHEREAS, This esteemed gentleman was admired for his honesty  
19 as well as his caring heart and generosity toward those in need;  
20 deeply committed to his faith, he served as a deacon at Maple  
21 Springs Baptist Church in Maryland from 1998 to 2003, and at the  
22 time of his passing, he was a valued member of the House of Praise;  
23 and

24           WHEREAS, Mr. West cherished the time he spent with his loving

1 family, which included his wife of nearly 50 years, Eunice West; he  
2 took great pride in his children, Kevin, Royce, Carnell, Willis,  
3 Diane, and Larry, and stepchildren, James, Wayne, and Kimberly, as  
4 well as in his many grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and

5 WHEREAS, Willis West was a source of wisdom, inspiration, and  
6 joy to all who held him dear, and he leaves them with a host of  
7 wonderful memories that they will forever treasure; now, therefore,  
8 be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas  
10 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Willis West Jr. and  
11 extend heartfelt sympathy to his family and friends; and, be it  
12 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 Willis West  
16 Jr.

Sherman, Sr.

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Allen	Guillen	Oliverson
Allison	Gutierrez	Ortega
Anchia	Harless	Pacheco
Anderson	Harris	Paddie
Ashby	Hefner	Parker
Bailes	Hernandez	Patterson
Beckley	Herrero	Paul
Bell of Kaufman	Hinojosa	Perez
Bell of Montgomery	Holland	Phelan
Bernal	Howard	Price
Biedermann	Huberty	Ramos
Blanco	Hunter	Raney
Bohac	Israel	Raymond
Bonnen of Galveston	E. Johnson of Dallas	Reynolds
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Buckley	Johnson of Harris	Romero, Jr.
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Burrows	King of Parker	Sanford
Button	King of Uvalde	Schaefer
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Calanni	Krause	Sheffield
Canales	Kuempel	Sherman, Sr.
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Coleman	Larson	Springer
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Craddick	Longoria	Stucky
Cyrrier	Lopez	Swanson
Darby	Lozano	Talarico
Davis of Dallas	Lucio III	Thierry
Davis of Harris	Martinez	Thompson of Brazoria
Dean	Martinez Fischer	Thompson of Harris
Deshotel	Metcalf	Tinderholt
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Geren	Morrison	Wilson
Gervin-Hawkins	Muñoz, Jr.	Wray
Goldman	Murphy	Wu
González of Dallas	Murr	Zedler
González of El Paso	Neave	Zerwas
Goodwin	Nevárez	Zwiener

H.R. No. 823

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 823 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on March 18, 2019.

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Chief Clerk of the House