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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Memories of a life well lived may help to comfort
2 those saddened by the death of James T. Washington of San Antonio on
3 October 25, 2018, at the age of 75; and

4 WHEREAS, The son of Lillie Mae and Prezell Washington, James
5 Washington was born on March 14, 1943, in Kerens, where he grew up
6 with 14 siblings, Lillie B., Herbert, Rayfield, L. B., David Lee,
7 Christine, Ross, J. T., John, Vernon, Ivory, Nathaniel, Annie, and
8 Lewis; he graduated from Kerens High School and went on to earn a
9 bachelor's degree from Paul Quinn College and a master's degree from
10 Baylor University; he later completed mid-management and
11 superintendent certifications from Texas A&M University-Commerce;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, Answering his nation's call to duty, Mr. Washington
14 served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War; he received a number
15 of citations, including the Army Commendation Medal, two Bronze
16 Stars, and a Purple Heart with oak leaf cluster, and was honorably
17 discharged at the rank of sergeant; and

18 WHEREAS, Mr. Washington went on to enjoy a rewarding career
19 in the field of education, and he served as a teacher, coach, and
20 administrator in the Waco, Wichita Falls, and North East
21 Independent School Districts; following his retirement, he taught
22 as an adjunct professor at St. Philip's College in San Antonio; and

23 WHEREAS, A devoted family man, Mr. Washington shared a
24 rewarding marriage with his wife, Audrey, that spanned 50 years,

1 and he took great pride in his sons, James, Aubrey, and Jason, and
2 his grandchildren, Trinity, Jaxson, and Jayla; and

3 WHEREAS, Although James Washington is deeply missed, those he
4 has left behind will forever find inspiration in his generosity,
5 his strength of character, and his dedication to his loved ones and
6 to his fellow citizens; now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas
8 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of James T. Washington
9 and extend heartfelt sympathy to his relatives and friends; and, be
10 it 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 James
14 T. Washington.