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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 Larry Temple, executive director of the
3 Texas Workforce Commission, on January 5, 2019, at the age of 66;
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5 WHEREAS, The son of Eugene and Lucille Temple, Larry Temple
6 grew up in Jackson, Mississippi, with the companionship of two
7 siblings, Judy and David; a graduate of St. Edward's University, he
8 began his career in Mississippi, working as a real estate agent and
9 petroleum landman before joining the Mississippi Department of
10 Human Services, where he held the post of deputy executive director
11 for five years; and

12 WHEREAS, In 1997, Mr. Temple was recruited to become the
13 director of welfare reform for the Texas Workforce Commission; he
14 was promoted to executive director in 2004, and he served the agency
15 with distinction in that position until the time of his passing;
16 renowned for his integrity, dedication, and exceptional
17 problem-solving skills, he was instrumental in helping TWC become a
18 national leader in workforce development, and he frequently advised
19 Congress and other states on best practices and employment policy;
20 and

21 WHEREAS, Among numerous other accomplishments, Mr. Temple
22 managed the TWC effort to aid the Louisiana Workforce Commission in
23 the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, even as Texas was managing its
24 own catastrophic damage from Hurricane Rita; one of the most

1 respected figures in his field, he served as president and as a
2 member of the board for the National Association of State Workforce
3 Agencies, and in 2018 he received the Lifetime Achievement Hand Up
4 Award from the American Institute for Full Employment; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Temple shared a rewarding marriage with his
6 wife, Benita; he was the proud father of two sons, Brad and Daniel,
7 and he had the pleasure of seeing his family grow to include his
8 daughters-in-law, Shirley and Erin, and his beloved grandchildren,
9 Patrick and Victoria; admired for his determination and his abiding
10 concern for others, he also possessed an engaging sense of humor
11 that was treasured by all who knew him; and

12 WHEREAS, Larry Temple was an exemplary public official whose
13 achievements made a positive difference in the lives of countless
14 Texans, and he leaves behind a record of service that will continue
15 to inspire his colleagues in the years ahead; now, therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas
17 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Larry Temple and
18 extend deepest sympathy to his family and friends; and, be it
19 further

20 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
21 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
22 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Larry
23 Temple.