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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Our communities draw immeasurable strength from
2 individuals such as the Reverend Allen Gene Madison II of DeSoto,
3 who has benefited his fellow citizens through his contributions as
4 a spiritual and business leader; and

5 WHEREAS, Called to the ministry in the early 1980s, Reverend
6 Madison became the pastor of St. Mark Missionary Baptist Church in
7 Dallas; he led the church with conviction and compassion for nearly
8 four decades until his retirement in 2020; and

9 WHEREAS, In addition to guiding his congregation, Reverend
10 Madison has worked in the funeral industry for 60 years; he began
11 his career in 1963 as a summer employee with McGowan Funeral Home in
12 Dallas, and he went on to serve as manager and senior vice president
13 for Singing Hills Funeral Home before starting Evergreen Memorial
14 Funeral Home and Flower Shop in 1996; the enterprise has since
15 expanded to encompass a location in Terrell, a pre-need company
16 called Heritage Relations, and the Emerald Center event venue;
17 moreover, the business has established a scholarship program for
18 area students; and

19 WHEREAS, A native of Dallas, this esteemed Texan graduated
20 from Madison High School and served as a sergeant in the U.S. Army;
21 he holds a degree in business administration from El Centro College
22 and a bachelor's degree in theology from Carolina University; and

23 WHEREAS, Reverend Madison currently lives in DeSoto with his
24 wife of 49 years, Florence; they take great pride in their two

1 children, Elliott and Karissa, and three grandchildren, Marloh,
2 Zoi, and Mark Anthony; and

3 WHEREAS, Over the course of his life and career, Allen
4 Madison has inspired and uplifted countless people, and it is
5 indeed a pleasure to join in recognizing him; now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas
7 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby honor the Reverend Allen
8 Gene Madison II for his achievements and extend to him sincere best
9 wishes for the future; and, be it further

10 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
11 prepared for Reverend Madison as an expression of high regard by the
12 Texas House of Representatives.