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SENATE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas honors and commemorates the life of Walker Eugene Hunt, who died September 1, 2023, at the age of 86; and

WHEREAS, Gene Hunt was born on June 7, 1937, in Luling to a family of sharecroppers; a brilliant and determined young man, Gene earned bachelor's and master's degrees in pure mathematics from The University of Texas at Austin and graduated with a doctorate of philosophy in mathematics from his alma mater in 1979; and

WHEREAS, A man of exemplary courage and integrity, Gene was one of the first African American scholars to graduate from The University of Texas at Austin with an advanced degree, and his hard work and perseverance served as sources of inspiration to other African American students aspiring to higher education and to overcome the vestiges of segregation; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Hunt served as a part-time instructor at Huston-Tillotson College and as a visiting professor at Prairie View A&M College before initiating his successful career as a full-time professor in the Mathematics, Architecture, Physics and Engineering Department at San Antonio College, where he instructed and mentored students for 57 years; and

WHEREAS, A dedicated educator who upheld the highest values of pedagogy, Dr. Hunt was beloved and respected by his

colleagues and associates for his commitment to nurturing young minds; he was an avid sports fan and an enthusiastic reader and student of art history, and his insatiable intellectual curiosity served as an encouragement to others to pursue and esteem knowledge; and

WHEREAS, He was a devoted brother to his siblings and a true friend to all those whose lives he touched; Dr. Hunt will long be remembered for his wisdom and generosity, and his memory will be forever cherished by his family and his students and by all who were privileged to share in his life; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 88th Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family of Walker Eugene Hunt; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared as an expression of deepest sympathy from the Texas Senate and that when the Senate adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Dr. Gene Hunt.