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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A full and generous life drew to a close with the
2 passing of Dr. Bobby Gene Roberts Sr. of Tyler on June 13, 2025, at
3 the age of 90; and

4 WHEREAS, The son of Clyde Floyd Roberts and Johnnie Mae
5 Davis, Bob Roberts was born in San Augustine on May 26, 1935, and he
6 grew up with the companionship of two sisters, Linda and Billie;
7 first called to the ministry as a teenager, he was ordained as a
8 Southern Baptist minister in 1955; and

9 WHEREAS, A graduate of Baylor University, Pastor Roberts also
10 attended Lamar University and Southwestern Baptist Theological
11 Seminary, and he earned master and doctor of divinity degrees from
12 Luther Rice Seminary; his first full-time pastorate was to Woodrow
13 Baptist Church in Silsbee, and he went on to serve churches in
14 Winnie, Corsicana, Wichita Falls, Port Acres, and Lindale; and

15 WHEREAS, After leaving the pastorate in 1979 to devote
16 himself to evangelism and mission work, Dr. Roberts founded
17 Christian Foundations of Faith, Inc.; Belize became his primary
18 mission field, where he built churches, sponsored ministries, and
19 supported local preachers through resources and mentorship; over
20 the years, he became well-known for his "Sixty Second Sermon"
21 devotionals, newsletters, and television broadcasts that reached
22 countless people in North and Central America; and

23 WHEREAS, In all his endeavors, Pastor Roberts enjoyed the
24 love and support of his wife of 71 years, Gay O'Keefe Roberts; he

1 was the proud father of their four children, Sandra, Bob, Mark, and
2 Sheila, and with the passing years, their family grew to include six
3 grandchildren, Bethany, Samuel, Benjamin, Jill, Grace, and Clara,
4 and six great-grandchildren, Moses, Esther, Luke, Naomi, Zelda, and
5 Ronen; and

6 WHEREAS, While the passing of Bob Roberts brings great
7 sadness to his family and friends, he leaves behind a legacy that
8 will long be treasured by all those who held him dear; now,
9 therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the Senate of the 89th Texas Legislature, 1st
11 Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the memory of Dr. Bobby Gene
12 Roberts Sr. and extend sincere condolences to all who mourn his
13 passing; and, be it further

14 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
15 prepared for his family and that when the Texas Senate adjourns this
16 day, it do so in memory of Dr. Bob Roberts.