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S.R. No. 88

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 Willie Charles Brown of Troup on
3 June 19, 2025, at the age of 84; and

4 WHEREAS, The son of Willie Winston Brown and Georgia Lee
5 Broughton, "Joe Boy" Brown was born in Whitehouse on September 17,
6 1940; after graduating from Arp Industrial High School, he
7 completed his bachelor's degree at Prairie View A&M University,
8 where he balanced academic studies with many hours of hands-on work
9 at the institution's farm; he went on to earn a master's degree at
10 Texas A&M University; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Brown proudly served his country in the
12 U.S. Army for nearly three decades, and he cherished the lasting
13 bonds he formed with his comrades; over the years, he often shared
14 stories, whether humorous or profound, from his days as a soldier;
15 his military discipline and leadership carried over to his civilian
16 career as a construction foreman; the projects he worked on
17 included several of the most notable buildings in Houston, and he
18 was dedicated to ensuring fine craftsmanship and attention to
19 detail; following his retirement from the army in 1994, he gave back
20 to his community as an agriculture teacher; he had a great love for
21 the land and enjoyed tending his garden, managing his herd of
22 cattle, and spending peaceful hours on his farm; and

23 WHEREAS, For more than half a century, Mr. Brown served as a
24 deacon, most recently at New Canaan Baptist Church in Whitehouse;

1 he inspired others through his wisdom, compassion, and unwavering
2 commitment to his faith and his family; in all his endeavors, he was
3 supported by the love and encouragement of his wife, Beverly J.
4 Brown, who preceded him in death, and he was a devoted father to his
5 seven children, Raquel, Jennifer, Ashley, Kimberley, Marcus,
6 Anthony, and Byron; and

7 WHEREAS, Although Joe Boy Brown is deeply missed, those who
8 held him dear will forever remember the warmth and kindness that he
9 brought into their lives; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the Senate of the 89th Texas Legislature, 1st
11 Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the memory of Willie Charles
12 "Joe Boy" Brown and extend sincere sympathy to the members of his
13 family: to his siblings, Johnnie Johnson, James Brown and his wife,
14 Velma, LeBertha Mitchell and her husband, Rayford, Ella Brown,
15 Marilyn Griffith and her husband, Kirby, and David Brown and his
16 wife, Maurita; to his children, Raquel Harrison and her husband,
17 Sha-Michael, Jennifer Brown, Ashley Brown and her husband,
18 Johnathan, Kimberly Brown, Marcus Brown and his wife, Julia,
19 Anthony Brown, and Byron Brown; to his grandchildren, Brandy
20 Walker, David, Brianna, and Brittany Carter, Jace and Serena Brown,
21 and Ashton Lincoln; to his great-grandchildren, Mason and Kori
22 Smith; and to his other relatives and friends; and, be it further

23 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
24 prepared for his family and that when the Texas Senate adjourns this
25 day, it do so in memory of Joe Boy Brown.