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RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, A life made rich through meaningful service drew to

a close with the passing of admired educator George James Brown of

3 Mount Pleasant on December 30, 2023, at the age of 86; and

WHEREAS, The son of Selma Leroy and Ethel Belle Brown, George

5 Brown was born in Austin on September 16, 1937, and he grew up with

6 the companionship of a sister, Cherie; he earned his bachelor's

7 degree from The University of Texas at Austin and his master's

8 degree from Texas A&M University; and

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9 WHEREAS, Mr. Brown enjoyed a long and rewarding career in

10 education, proudly serving numerous school districts as a teacher

11 and coach; he went on to become the owner of Jackson Business

12 College, a consultant for the Texas Education Agency, and the

13 superintendent of Harts Bluff Independent School District, and he

14 ultimately was appointed deputy executive director of the TEA

15 Region 8 Education Service Center before retiring in 2001;

16 co-founder of the Texas Rural Education Association and president

17 of the National Rural Education Association, he championed the

18 needs of students in rural communities; in addition, he was a member

19 of the Texas Retired Teachers Association and served on its

20 legislative committee; and

21 WHEREAS, In 2004, Mr. Brown married his wife, Janice, and the

22 couple shared a rewarding union that spanned nearly two decades; he

23 took great joy in their blended family, which grew to include their

24 six children, Kara, Keith, Kevin, Greg, Davey, and Mickey; over the

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- 1 years, he became a devoted grandfather to numerous grandchildren
- 2 and great-grandchildren; a man of faith, he found solace and
- 3 strength in his Baptist beliefs; and
- 4 WHEREAS, George Brown made contributions of lasting value
- 5 through his tireless efforts in behalf of public education, and
- 6 although he will be deeply missed, those he left behind will cherish
- 7 their memories of his warmth, kindness, and compassion; now,
- 8 therefore, be it
- 9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 89th Texas
- 10 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of George James Brown and
- 11 extend sincere sympathy to the members of his family: to his wife,
- 12 Janice Brown; to his children, Kara Campbell and her husband,
- 13 Tracey, Keith Brown and his wife, Darlyn, Kevin Brown, Greg Lewis
- 14 and his wife, Kim, Davey Lewis and his wife, Jessica, and Mickey
- 15 Lewis and his wife, Katie; to his 14 grandchildren and 4
- 16 great-grandchildren; and to his many other relatives and friends;
- 17 and, be it further
- 18 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
- 19 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
- 20 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of George
- 21 Brown.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 155 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on March 6, 2025.

Chief Clerk of the House