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H.R. No. 155

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 admired educator George James Brown of
3 Mount Pleasant on December 30, 2023, at the age of 86; and

4 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

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

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.