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H.R. No. 355

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The life of a respected figure in the Texas
2 Democratic Party drew to a close with the passing of William Everett
3 Brannon Jr. of Sulphur Springs on December 7, 2024, at the age of
4 75; and

5 WHEREAS, Born in Birmingham, Alabama, on October 20, 1949,
6 Bill Brannon was the son of William Everett Brannon and Mary
7 DuQuesnay Brannon; after graduating from high school in St. Louis,
8 Missouri, he earned a degree in political science and history from
9 North Texas State University, where he discovered his passion for
10 politics and its potential to create positive change; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Brannon's involvement in civic affairs and
12 public service spanned more than 40 years; he excelled in such
13 leadership roles as executive director, senior advisor,
14 redistricting director, and rural coordinator for the Texas
15 Democratic Party, and he was a consultant in over 150 campaigns; at
16 the local level, he served as chair of the Hopkins County Democratic
17 Party and twice ran for a seat in the Texas House of
18 Representatives; and

19 WHEREAS, Mr. Brannon also worked as a staff member for
20 elected Democrats at both the state and federal levels, including
21 as a legislative liaison for Governor Ann Richards, district
22 director for U.S. Congressmen Max Sandlin and Jim Chapman, and
23 consultant for State Representatives Mark Homer and Barry Telford
24 and State Senator Richard M. Anderson; in all his endeavors, he

1 enjoyed the love and support of his wife, Vali Walker Brannon, and
2 he took great pride in his children and grandchildren; and

3 WHEREAS, Renowned for his expertise and commitment as well as
4 his generosity and sense of humor, Bill Brannon mentored and
5 inspired several generations of Texas Democrats, and his influence
6 will continue to be felt in the years ahead; now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 89th Texas
8 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of William Everett
9 Brannon Jr. and extend heartfelt sympathy to the members of his
10 family: to his wife, Vali Walker Brannon; to his sons, Adam King and
11 his wife, Kim, Blake Rhodes and his wife, Ashley, and Patrick Rhodes
12 and his wife, Sally; to his sister, Lynn Golden; to his niece,
13 Brenda Boyd; to his grandchildren, Holton, Weston, Grayson, Smith,
14 Bennett, and Kohen; and to his other relatives and many friends;
15 and, be it further

16 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
17 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
18 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Bill
19 Brannon.