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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 Brother Howard J. Sears Jr. of Texarkana
3 on June 11, 2024, at the age of 90; and

4 WHEREAS, A native of New Orleans, Louisiana, Howard Sears was
5 born to Howard J. Sears Sr. and Mary Clark Sears on July 14, 1933,
6 and grew up with the companionship of his siblings, Harold and
7 Merline; answering his nation's call to duty, he joined the United
8 States Air Force in 1951, and he served in the Korean and Vietnam
9 Wars; he earned a number of prestigious commendations during his 21
10 years in the armed forces, and he retired at the rank of technical
11 sergeant; and

12 WHEREAS, After concluding his military service, Mr. Sears
13 made his home in Texarkana and worked at the Red River Army Depot
14 for two decades before his retirement in 1992; he joined St. Paul
15 Missionary Baptist Church and was called to the ministry, serving
16 the congregation as a pastor and deacon; active in the Masons, he
17 was a member of Sunset Lodge No. 144, holding the title of
18 worshipful master and mentoring new members; and

19 WHEREAS, A caring husband and father, Brother Sears shared a
20 rewarding marriage with his first wife, Lucille, who passed away in
21 1969; fortunate enough to find love again, he benefited from the
22 support of his wife Bernice until her passing in 2012; he took great
23 pride in his four children, Gary, Lisa, William, and Gerald, and in
24 his stepdaughter, Willie Faye Anderson, who preceded him in death;

1 and

2 WHEREAS, Although Howard Sears is deeply missed, this beloved
3 man has left his family and friends with many cherished memories,
4 and he will forever hold a special place in their hearts; now,
5 therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the Senate of the 89th Texas Legislature
7 hereby pay tribute to the life of Brother Howard J. Sears Jr. and
8 extend sincere condolences to the members of his family: to his
9 children, Gary Sears and his wife, Barbara, Lisa Muenich, William
10 Singleton and his wife, Shuanita, and Gerald Singleton; to his
11 brother, Harold Sears; and to his other relatives and many friends;
12 and, be it further

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