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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 Pastor Dr. Kenneth Eugene Carter Jr. of
3 Tyler on April 6, 2025, at the age of 90; and

4 WHEREAS, The son of Kenneth E. Carter Sr. and Doris McAuliffe
5 Carter, Ken Carter was born in San Antonio on February 18, 1935; he
6 and his beloved younger sister, Camille, were mischievous partners
7 throughout their childhood; he graduated from Amon
8 Carter-Riverside High School in Fort Worth and earned his
9 bachelor's degree in economics from the Rice Institute; he met his
10 future wife, the former Mary Alice "Freddie" Frederick, while
11 serving on the student council; they wed on February 14, 1955, and
12 went on to share 70 years together; they were blessed with two
13 children, Kathy and Buddy; and

14 WHEREAS, Pastor Carter served in the U.S. Army Corps of
15 Engineers, attaining the rank of first lieutenant; he remained in
16 the Army Reserve for two years while employed by Ford Motor Company
17 in Dallas; at a church retreat, he felt his call to the ministry,
18 and he gave up his successful career to enter Perkins School of
19 Theology at Southern Methodist University; he served as youth
20 minister at Kirkwood United Methodist Church in Irving and before
21 completing his bachelor of divinity degree with honors, he was
22 named pastor of Wheatland United Methodist Church in Dallas;
23 attendance more than doubled during his tenure; in 1967, he was
24 appointed senior pastor of First United Methodist Church in

1 Carrollton; he and his wife trained in a new program, Evangelism
2 Explosion, and they were instrumental in bringing it to thousands
3 of people in North Texas; under Pastor Carter's dynamic leadership,
4 membership in the church grew exponentially; he was awarded an
5 honorary doctor of divinity degree from Asbury Theological
6 Seminary; after 16 years at FUMC, he joined A. L. Williams and then
7 became senior vice president of Resource Services, a firm
8 implementing fundraising for church-building programs; and

9 WHEREAS, While the passing of Ken Carter brings great sadness
10 to his family and friends, he leaves behind a legacy that will long
11 be treasured by all those who held him dear; now, therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the Senate of the 89th Texas Legislature
13 hereby pay tribute to the life of Pastor Dr. Kenneth Eugene
14 Carter Jr. and extend sincere sympathy to the members of his
15 family: to his wife, Mary Alice Carter; to his daughter,
16 Dr. Kathryn Allyson Carter; to his son, Kenneth E. Carter III, and
17 his wife, Lori McAmis Carter; to his grandchildren, Joshua, Samuel,
18 and Benjamin; to his great-grandchildren, Noah, Grae, Myles, Eli,
19 Wade, and Charlie; and to his other relatives and friends; and, be
20 it further

21 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
22 prepared for his family and that when the Texas Senate adjourns this
23 day, it do so in memory of Ken Carter.