Date: 2025-07-29 First Name: Feldon Last Name: Bonner II

Title: Minister/Qualified Candidate for USRepCD-18 Organization: Self; Qualified Candidate for CD-18

Address:
City: Houston
State: Texas
Zipcode:
Phone:

Affirm public info: I agree

Regarding: Congressional

Message:

JOINT RESOLUTION/EXECUTIVE ORDER

To Recognize and Install Feldon Bonner II as the Interim Advocate and Designated Community Representative for Texas Congressional District 18 Pending the Special Election

WHEREAS,

The United States Constitution (Article I, Section 2) provides that when vacancies occur in the House of Representatives, the executive authority of the state shall issue writs of election to fill such vacancies; and

A vacancy currently exists in Texas Congressional District 18, leaving its constituents without direct representation in the U.S. House of Representatives; and

Feldon Bonner II has fulfilled the legal requirement for candidacy by filing and paying the mandatory \$3,125.00 fee to be placed on the ballot for the Special Election to fill the vacancy for Congressional District 18, as confirmed by the Office of the Texas Secretary of State; and

The principles of representative democracy require that the citizens of all congressional districts — including those historically underrepresented — not be deprived of representation, voice, or advocacy during the redistricting process or while urgent federal matters are underway; and

It is in the public interest and constitutional spirit of equity and representation to ensure that no constituency is left voiceless in matters of federal engagement, policy discussions, or congressional redistricting hearings; and

Other states have previously installed interim representatives, advocates, or liaisons in extraordinary or emergency circumstances to uphold the interests of the electorate during representation gaps;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED/ORDERED: SECTION 1. INSTALLATION OF INTERIM REPRESENTATIVE

Feldon Bonner II is hereby installed and publicly recognized as the Interim Liaison, Community Advocate, and De Facto Congressional District 18 Representative for the State of Texas, empowered to represent the public and political interests of Congressional District 18 before all state and federal authorities, committees, and agencies.

SECTION 2. SCOPE OF AUTHORITY This designation authorizes Feldon Bonner II to:

- Engage with U.S. Congressional committees and submit public policy recommendations on behalf of District 18;
- Represent District 18 constituents during state-level and federal redistricting proceedings;
- Advocate for federal legislative, appropriations, and civil rights matters affecting the district;
- Testify in official hearings or forums as the community voice of District 18;
- And coordinate with federal, state, and local agencies in a recognized liaison capacity.

SECTION 3. DURATION

This resolution/order shall remain in effect until the certified winner of the Special Election for Texas Congressional District 18 is sworn into office by the U.S. House of Representatives, unless rescinded or amended by further legislative or executive action.

SECTION 4. LEGAL DISCLAIMER

This designation does not confer formal voting rights or congressional membership, but it

provides functional legitimacy and standing for public engagement and intergovernmental representation on behalf of the constituents of District 18.

SECTION 5. DISTRIBUTION

Copies of this resolution/order shall be submitted to:

- The Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives,
- The Clerk of the House,
- The Texas Secretary of State,
- The Texas Delegation to Congress,
- The U.S. Department of Justice Civil Rights Division,
- And the United States Federal Election Commission.

SECTION 6. COMPENSATION AND SUPPORT

To ensure effective representation and public engagement for the constituents of Congressional District 18 during the vacancy period, the State of Texas shall authorize remuneration and logistical support for Feldon Bonner II in his capacity as Interim Liaison and Community Advocate.

6.1. Stipend Authorization

Feldon Bonner II shall receive a monthly stipend in the amount of \$7,500.00 (Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars), prorated as needed, beginning on the effective date of this resolution/order and continuing until the date the certified winner of the Special Election for Congressional District 18 is officially sworn into office by the United States House of Representatives.

6.2. Travel and Per Diem

In addition to the stipend, the State of Texas shall reimburse all official travel, lodging, and meal expenses incurred by Feldon Bonner II in the fulfillment of his public duties, consistent with the state per diem rates and reimbursement procedures.

- 6.3. Office and Administrative Support Feldon Bonner II shall be granted access to appropriate administrative support, including:
- A designated office space,

- Telecommunications and internet access,
- Printing and mailing support,
- And a temporary assistant or staff aide, funded through existing state resources or legislative district support funds.

6.4. Funding Source

The financial support authorized under this section shall be drawn from the Office of the Governor's Emergency Funds, Legislative Reserve Accounts, or other legally permissible appropriations designated for civic engagement, public liaison activities, or emergency community representation.

SIGNED this 29th day of July, 2025

By: Governor Greg Abbott and/or Legislative Leadership Committee

[Governor of Texas or Legislative Leadership]