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Rep. Coleman Statement on Passing of John O'Quinn

(Austin)-- Representative Garnet F. Coleman (D-Houston) today released the following statement:

"I am deeply saddened to hear of the passing of my friend John O'Quinn. John O'Quinn contributed to his community both financially and in advocating for people who were harmed through the negligence of others," said Representative Coleman. *"John was a premier supporter of the University of Houston. I had the pleasure of working with him and Carole Strayhorn in 1999 trying to secure Tier 1 funding for the University of Houston through the Appropriations Committee. I also worked with him in 2006 on the Chris Bell for Governor campaign where he alone understood the need for fair governance from the governor's office. My deepest condolences to his family on their loss. We will miss him."*