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Press Release

Subject: Death of Remembering Black Dallas Founder and Executive Director, Dr. George E. Keaton Jr.

It is with sadness that Remembering Black Dallas reports the death of its esteemed Founder and Executive Director, Dr. George E. Keaton Jr. Dr. Keaton passed on Tuesday, December 6th at Baylor Hospital after a brief illness. His contribution to historical preservation and research will have a lasting impact on Dallas and the surrounding communities for years to come. Dr. Keaton founded Remembering Black Dallas in 2015. A few of his accomplishments include the following:

- Formed the Dallas County Justice Initiative in partnership with the Equal Justice Initiative to memorialize victims of racial lynchings in Dallas County. This effort resulted in the placement of a marker at Main and Akard in Downtown Dallas to memorialize the lynching of Allen Brooks at that location in 1910.

- Dedicated historical marker and sculpture at Anderson Bonner Park to honor Mr. Bonner who as a former slave acquired hundreds of acres of land in North Dallas.

- Successfully lobbied Dallas City Hall to clean up and provide a public memorial to the victims of the 1860 lynchings at Martyrs Park in Downtown Dallas. Planning is underway for this project.

- Obtained oral histories of dozens of elderly African Americans in Dallas to preserve the history of African Americans in Dallas.

- Received 2022 Award from Preservation Dallas for preserving the history of African Americans in Dallas

Services for Dr. Keaton are pending.