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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The family and friends of Dovie Jean Webber of Fort  
2 Worth were deeply saddened by the passing of this esteemed health  
3 care professional and civic leader on July 11, 2003, at the age of  
4 65; and

5 WHEREAS, Born on March 8, 1938, in Lindale, Mrs. Webber  
6 graduated from Fort Worth's I. M. Terrell High School before  
7 attending Prairie View A&M University; she completed her  
8 undergraduate studies at the University of North Texas (UNT) and  
9 was the first African American to graduate from the university's  
10 library service program; Mrs. Webber also earned a master's degree  
11 at UNT in the study of aging and enjoyed an outstanding 35-year  
12 career in the health care industry, ably serving as a facility  
13 owner, service provider, and consultant; and

14 WHEREAS, Mrs. Webber was an active volunteer in her community  
15 as well, and she gave freely of her time and talents to a host of  
16 worthy organizations, including the Women's Division of the Fort  
17 Worth Chamber of Commerce, the Mayor's Committee on the Status of  
18 Women, the Fort Worth Tarrant County Black Historical and  
19 Genealogical Society, and the American Association of University  
20 Women; she was also a charter member of the National Center on Black  
21 Aged and an organizing member of the Mid-Cities Chapter of Links,  
22 Inc.; and

23 WHEREAS, Lending her exceptional leadership skills to  
24 promote the greater good, Mrs. Webber served as a board member for

1 the Girl Scouts of America, the Parenting Center, the Fort Worth  
2 Economic Development Corporation, Junior Achievement, Planned  
3 Parenthood, and the Arlington Women's Shelter; in addition, she  
4 contributed her expertise to the United Way's budget committee and  
5 served as chair of the YWCA's Highland Park Branch; and

6 WHEREAS, This distinguished civic leader shared 42 years of  
7 marriage with entrepreneur and former Texas State Representative  
8 Bobby G. Webber; throughout her life, she maintained an active  
9 interest in politics and civic engagement that led to her  
10 participation in the League of Women Voters, Leadership Fort Worth,  
11 and Leadership Arlington; and

12 WHEREAS, In addition, Mrs. Webber was a tireless worker in  
13 behalf of Cyrene Episcopal Church, where she worshiped; widely  
14 respected and admired in her community and much beloved by family  
15 and friends, Mrs. Webber will be profoundly missed; now, therefore,  
16 be it

17 RESOLVED, That the 78th Legislature of the State of Texas,  
18 2nd Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the life of Dovie Jean  
19 Webber and extend sincere sympathy to the members of her family: to  
20 her husband, the Honorable Bobby G. Webber; to her daughter,  
21 Vanessa "Candy" Webber; to her grandson, Alvin James II; to her  
22 mother, Elnora Woods; to her brothers, John Arthur Woods, Charles  
23 Abdul Haqq, and Kenneth Woods; to her sisters, Carolyn Phillips and  
24 Myron Jackson; and to her in-laws, nieces, nephews, and many other  
25 relatives and friends; and, be it further

26 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
27 prepared for her family and that when the Texas House of

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1 Representatives and Senate adjourn this day, they do so in memory of  
2 Dovie Jean Webber.