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HOUSE 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

WHEREAS, Born on March 8, 1938, in Lindale, Mrs. Webber 5 graduated from Fort Worth's I. M. Terrell High School before 6 attending Prairie View A&M University; she completed 7 her undergraduate studies at the University of North Texas (UNT) and 8 was the first African American to graduate from the university's 9 library service program; Mrs. Webber also earned a master's degree 10 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 as well, and she gave freely of her time and talents to a host of 15 worthy organizations, including the Women's Division of the Fort 16 Worth Chamber of Commerce, the Mayor's Committee on the Status of 17 Women, the Fort Worth Tarrant County Black Historical and 18 Genealogical Society, and the American Association of University 19 Women; she was also a charter member of the National Center on Black 20 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

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

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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, 3rd Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the life of Dovie Jean 18 Webber and extend sincere sympathy to the members of her family: to 19 her husband, the Honorable Bobby G. Webber; to her daughter, 20 21 Vanessa "Candy" Webber; to her grandson, Alvin James II; to her mother, Elnora Woods; to her brothers, John Arthur Woods, Charles 22 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 relatives and friends; and, be it further 25

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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H.C.R. No. 20 1 Representatives and Senate adjourn this day, they do so in memory of 2 Dovie Jean Webber.

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President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 20 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on October 10, 2003.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 20 was adopted by the Senate on October 10, 2003, by a viva-voce vote.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor