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H.R. No. 99

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The passing of Evelyn Victor Woods Robeson on August  
2 20, 2003, at the age of 88, has brought a profound loss to the many  
3 friends and relatives of this admirable Texan; and

4           WHEREAS, One of 13 children born to Laura and David Victor,  
5 she came into this world on August 11, 1915, and it was during her  
6 formative years that she first learned the importance of hard work  
7 and service to others; educated at Lincoln High School in Port  
8 Arthur, she moved with her family to Houston's 5th Ward Frenchtown  
9 community in 1936; and

10           WHEREAS, Mrs. Robeson was a devoted wife and mother who  
11 lovingly built a happy home for her husband and children; in later  
12 years she eagerly welcomed the addition of five grandchildren, 14  
13 great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren into her  
14 tightly knit family; and

15           WHEREAS, A valued member of Miles Chapel CME Church for  
16 nearly 70 years, Mrs. Robeson was an enthusiastic contributor to  
17 numerous organizations of the CME conference; she enjoyed lending  
18 her time and talents to the Missionary and Stewardess boards, the  
19 choir, and the Voices of Praise; and

20           WHEREAS, A passionate supporter of civic responsibility,  
21 Mrs. Robeson worked with community and political leaders to promote  
22 civil rights and volunteered to register voters; and

23           WHEREAS, Her dedication to community service also led her to  
24 become involved with the Parent Teacher Association at Charles

1 Atherton, E. O. Smith, and Phillis Wheatley schools; in addition,  
2 Mrs. Robeson taught arts and crafts at the Julia C. Hester House,  
3 where she instructed students in quilting and ceramics; and

4 WHEREAS, Those who had the privilege of knowing Evelyn  
5 Robeson will not soon forget the enthusiasm, compassion, and  
6 commitment she brought to every facet of her life, and, although her  
7 presence is gone from us now, her memory will live on in the hearts  
8 of the many people whose lives she touched during her years on this  
9 earth; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas  
11 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby pay special tribute to the  
12 life of Evelyn Victor Woods Robeson and extend deepest sympathy to  
13 her family: to her daughters, Gwendolyn E. Williams, Francesca  
14 Renee Williams, and Bylincia Dixon Woods; to her son, Albert E.  
15 Woods; to her stepson, Will Robeson; to her grandchildren,  
16 great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren; to her  
17 sisters, Ruby Swift and Ann Stephens; and to the many other friends  
18 and relatives of this beloved woman; and, be it further

19 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
20 prepared for the members of her family and that when the Texas House  
21 of Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Evelyn  
22 Robeson.