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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The passing of Annie Mae Hunt of Dallas on September
2 25, 2003, at the age of 94, brought a great loss to the family,
3 friends, and many admirers of this beloved woman, and it is indeed
4 appropriate to remember her at this time; and

5 WHEREAS, A native Texan, Mrs. Hunt was born in Washington
6 County in 1909 and was married at the age of 15; possessed of only a
7 rudimentary formal education, but blessed with unbridled
8 enthusiasm and keen introspective skills, she overcame numerous
9 obstacles throughout her long life and emerged as a respected and
10 effective community leader and political activist, helping to elect
11 Representatives Jesse W. Jones and Yvonne Davis into office; and

12 WHEREAS, In 1983, she published the memoir *I Am Annie Mae: An*
13 *Extraordinary Woman in Her Own Words*, which detailed the trials and
14 tribulations of her life as a black woman in Texas; that popular
15 publication was made into a musical and film, *Guts, Gumption, and*
16 *Go-Ahead: Annie Mae Hunt Remembers*, that made her an icon for many
17 Texans; and

18 WHEREAS, Mrs. Hunt picked cotton in her youth and later
19 settled in Dallas, where she performed domestic work, after
20 divorcing her first husband; in the 1950s she demonstrated her
21 entrepreneurial skills as the owner of a cleaning business and an
22 eatery; she also sold Avon for many years and established herself as
23 a professional seamstress; and

24 WHEREAS, Annie Mae Hunt was a woman of integrity and

1 ingenuity whose passion inspired those around her, and although she
2 will be missed by all who knew and loved her, her spirit will live on
3 in their thoughts and deeds for many years to come; now, therefore,
4 be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
6 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the life of
7 Annie Mae Hunt and extend sincere sympathy to the members of her
8 family: to her daughters, Leona Hunt, Esther Prosper, Dorris
9 Bullard, and Othella Hunt; to her son, George Darden; to her 30
10 grandchildren and her numerous great-grandchildren and
11 great-great-grandchildren; and to the many other relatives and
12 friends of this esteemed woman; and, be it further

13 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
14 prepared for her family and that when the Texas House of
15 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Annie Mae
16 Hunt.