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H.R. No. 245

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, With the passing of Jean Yates on August 3, 2003, at
2 the age of 74, the community of San Antonio lost a highly regarded
3 civic leader and a beloved friend; and

4 WHEREAS, Born Ardath Jeanne Combs on May 12, 1929, in
5 Fremont, Nebraska, she moved with her family to Allendale,
6 Missouri, as a young child and graduated from Grant City High School
7 in 1947; and

8 WHEREAS, After receiving a teaching certificate from
9 Maryville State Teachers College in Missouri, Mrs. Yates taught for
10 a year in a rural school; she also worked for the superintendent of
11 schools in Worth County, Missouri, served as the first secretary of
12 John Glenn Elementary School in the Northside Independent School
13 District of San Antonio, and served on the staff of her local water
14 district, from which she was retired; and

15 WHEREAS, Mrs. Yates contributed enormously to her community,
16 where she was a member of the Rainbow Hills Baptist Church and a
17 cofounder of the Rainbow Hills Area Neighborhood Association; she
18 headed the association's food assistance and holiday gift program
19 for several years and ensured the group's successful 2003 National
20 Night Out event, attending to myriad details just days before her
21 passing; and

22 WHEREAS, The wife of Wilmer T. "Sonny" Yates and the mother of
23 six children, Pamela, Terry, Timothy, Idalu, Tommy Jo, and Todd,
24 Mrs. Yates created a warm and inviting home for her large,

1 close-knit family; and

2 WHEREAS, In recognition of all that Mrs. Yates accomplished
3 in behalf of her community, the Rainbow Hills Community Center was
4 rededicated as the Jean Yates Community Center on April 10, 2004;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, Jean Yates was a blessing in the lives of countless
7 people, and her compassionate heart and concern for others will
8 long be remembered by those fortunate to have known her; now,
9 therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
11 Legislature, 4th Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the life and
12 accomplishments of Ardath Jeanne "Jean" Combs Yates and extend
13 sincere sympathy to her family and to all who mourn the loss of this
14 cherished woman; and, be it further

15 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
16 prepared for her family and that when the Texas House of
17 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Ardath
18 Jeanne "Jean" Combs Yates.