

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, On October 1, 2002, men and women across the Lone
2 Star State were deeply saddened by the loss of Bernice Green Conley,
3 a beloved community leader and Texas native; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in Bryan on July 2, 1926, Ms. Conley attended
5 Bishop College and had been a loyal employee of Dallas County since
6 1972, serving most recently as a deputy clerk in the county clerk's
7 office; she was also a devoted mother and grandmother and an active
8 member of New Jerusalem Institutional Baptist Church; and

9 WHEREAS, In addition, this esteemed woman demonstrated a
10 great passion for helping others, which compelled her to get
11 involved in politics on the local, state, and national levels; a
12 delegate to the Democratic state and national conventions since
13 1968 and 1975, respectively, Ms. Conley served as vice president of
14 the Dallas branches of the NAACP and the Texas Coalition of Black
15 Democrats, and as Dallas County precinct chairperson for more than
16 a quarter-century; and

17 WHEREAS, For her efforts, Ms. Conley received the
18 Distinguished Citizen Award from the Dallas County Progressive
19 Voters League, the Outstanding Contribution and Community Service
20 Award from the Senate of Texas, and the Civic Award from the Texas
21 Legislative Black Caucus; she was also appointed an admiral in the
22 Texas Navy and a Yellow Rose of Texas, and was one of the founding
23 members of the Texas Coalition of Black Democrats; and

24 WHEREAS, Bernice Conley was a woman of commitment and

1 purpose, and while she will be greatly missed, her legacy lives on
2 in the hearts and minds of the many people whose lives she touched;
3 now, therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
5 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Bernice Green Conley
6 and extend sincere sympathy to the members of her family: to her
7 children, Virgil, Jenard, Janice, Ronald, Donald, and John Bruce;
8 to her grandchildren, Kimberly, Kelle, Jenard Scott, Christopher,
9 Ronald, Jr., Morgan, Cameron, Terrance, Iron, and Aaron; and to her
10 other relatives and many friends; and, be it further

11 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
12 prepared for the members of her family and that when the Texas House
13 of Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Bernice
14 Green Conley.

Jones of Dallas
Hodge
Giddings

H.R. No. 204

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 204 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on March 28, 2003.

Chief Clerk of the House