

By: Jones of Dallas

H.R. No. 204

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.