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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The countless admirers of Dallas area resident Mary
2 Carter were greatly saddened by her passing on November 30, 2002, at
3 the age of 76; and

4 WHEREAS, A native Texan, Mrs. Carter was born on July 5, 1926,
5 and attended Furney Richardson Elementary and High School; she
6 continued her education at Texas Southern University, Bishop
7 College, and Pearson's Sewing School, where she specialized in
8 clothing and textile design; and

9 WHEREAS, While Mrs. Carter cultivated a successful career as
10 a professional dressmaker and designer, she also distinguished
11 herself as a talented vocalist; in addition to singing with the Good
12 Street Baptist Church and Mass Choir, she was active with the
13 National Baptist Convention Choir and served as the director of
14 music for the citywide ministerial alliance revival; and

15 WHEREAS, The organizer and former director of the Good Street
16 Baptist Church ministry for the mentally retarded, this esteemed
17 woman sought to raise awareness of the needs of people with mental
18 retardation in myriad ways through her volunteerism; she worked
19 diligently to better meet those needs and to support the
20 capabilities and potential of those she served, and her
21 achievements in this regard included the development of a
22 curriculum guide for people with mental retardation during her
23 tenure as the national director of Christian education for the
24 National Baptist Convention; and

1 WHEREAS, Mrs. Carter was very involved in grassroots politics
2 and actively supported those candidates who shared her ideals and
3 vision for the future; included among the numerous civic and
4 political organizations that benefited from Mrs. Carter's support
5 were the Dallas chapter of the NAACP, the Black Political Women's
6 Caucus, the African American Museum Guild, the Business and
7 Professional Women's Club, the YMCA, and the Top Ladies of
8 Distinction; and

9 WHEREAS, For her long-standing dedication to helping others,
10 Mrs. Carter was selected as the Outstanding Woman Serving Her
11 Community for 1999 by the National Council of Negro Women; she also
12 earned recognition from Eta Phi Beta Sorority, the NAACP, the YMCA,
13 and the Zeta Amicae Auxiliary; and

14 WHEREAS, In all aspects of her life, Mary Carter strove for
15 excellence and made the world a better place for her efforts; now,
16 therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
18 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Mary Carter and extend
19 sincere sympathy to all who were privileged to share her
20 friendship; and, be it further

21 RESOLVED, That when the Texas House of Representatives
22 adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Mary Carter.