

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Clara Caldwell, president of the Texas State A.
2 Philip Randolph Institute (APRI) and the Tideland Chapter of APRI,
3 has rendered outstanding service to the working people of Texas;
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5 WHEREAS, APRI is a national organization of black trade
6 unionists that builds support in the African American community for
7 the trade union movement and that conveys to labor the needs and
8 concerns of black Americans; and

9 WHEREAS, Mrs. Caldwell began her longtime advocacy for
10 working men and women as a union steward while employed with the
11 Weingarten grocery chain; she later became vice president of the
12 U.F.C.W. (United Food and Commercial Workers) Union Local 455 and
13 subsequently joined the union's staff; this esteemed individual has
14 also served as Southwest regional director for APRI and as a
15 director for the Texas AFL-CIO; and

16 WHEREAS, Since her retirement from the Texas Workers'
17 Compensation Commission, Mrs. Caldwell has kept a busy schedule
18 with her continuing support of the trade union movement; among her
19 affiliations are the Galveston County APRI and Houston APRI, the
20 Texas State Employees Union/Communications Workers of America, the
21 Texas AFL-CIO 250 COPE, and the Labor Council for Latin American
22 Advancement; and

23 WHEREAS, An engaged citizen, Mrs. Caldwell has participated
24 for many years in the political process; currently a member of

1 several area Democratic groups, she formerly served as vice chair
2 of the Texas Democratic Party and as a member of the National
3 Democratic Committee; and

4 WHEREAS, From the time she was a young wife and mother, Mrs.
5 Caldwell has juggled her work for labor and political causes with
6 caring for her family, which now includes six beloved children and
7 five cherished grandchildren; dedicated as well to the welfare of
8 the community, she is a member of the League of Women Voters, a life
9 member of the NAACP, and a board member of Houston's Sunnyside
10 Multi-Service Center; moreover, she is a valued and devoted
11 congregant of St. Philip Neri Catholic Church; and

12 WHEREAS, Clara Caldwell's committed efforts as a community
13 volunteer, politically active citizen, and union leader have
14 enriched and inspired members of the greater Houston metropolitan
15 area and the state, and it is truly a pleasure to join in paying
16 tribute to this exemplary Texan; now, therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
18 Legislature hereby commend Clara Caldwell for her dedication to the
19 workers and families of Texas and extend to her warmest best wishes
20 for continued success and happiness; and, be it further

21 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
22 prepared for Mrs. Caldwell as an expression of high regard by the
23 Texas House of Representatives.

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H.R. No. 539

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 539 was adopted by the House on March 26, 2003, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House