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H.R. No. 210

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The residents of Mineola lost one of their most  
2 beloved citizens with the passing of Martha Louise Raynes on June  
3 20, 2005, at the age of 84; and

4           WHEREAS, Born on October 29, 1920, in Fairlie, Miss Raynes  
5 earned her bachelor's degree from East Texas State Teachers College  
6 and her master's degree from East Texas State University; and

7           WHEREAS, She moved to Mineola in the early 1940s and began a  
8 career as an educator in 1944; over the next 42 years, she taught  
9 generations of area residents and was honored as Teacher of the Year  
10 in 1986; following her retirement that same year, she continued to  
11 demonstrate her unending commitment to the youth of her community  
12 by serving as a member of the Mineola School Board for nine years;  
13 and

14           WHEREAS, Miss Raynes further distinguished herself as a  
15 member of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International and the Retired  
16 Teachers Association, and she was a valued congregant of First  
17 United Methodist Church; and

18           WHEREAS, A caring and inspiring teacher, Louise Raynes will  
19 long be remembered for her dedication to her students and her  
20 community; although she will be greatly missed, her legacy will  
21 live on with the countless Texans who benefited from her wisdom and  
22 goodness; now, therefore, be it

23           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas  
24 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the life of

1 Martha Louise Raynes and extend deepest sympathy to the members of  
2 her family: to her lifelong friend, B. J. West; to her brother and  
3 sister-in-law, Jim and Paula Raynes; to her sister and  
4 brother-in-law, Nita and Paul Roundtree; and to the other relatives  
5 and many friends of this much-loved woman; and, be it further

6       RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
7 prepared for her family and that when the Texas House of  
8 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Martha  
9 Louise Raynes.