

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 26

In Memory  
of  
Jessie Payne Barbee

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas joins the citizens of Dallas in mourning the loss of longtime civic activist and educator Jessie Payne Barbee, who died July 25, 2005, at the age of 71; and

**WHEREAS**, Born Jessie Payne on February 24, 1934, in Kerens, Texas, she graduated from Park High School in Kerens and earned a bachelor's degree from Paul Quinn College and a master's degree from Texas Southern University; she was married to the late Jesse Leo Barbee; and

**WHEREAS**, She was a part of the Dallas community for more than 50 years and was an educator and a coach in the Grand Prairie and Dallas Independent School Districts for more than 30 years; after her retirement as an educator, she began to serve her community on a full-time basis as a volunteer; she received numerous commendations and awards for her community service over the years; and

**WHEREAS**, A devout Christian, Jessie was a charter member of Concord Missionary Baptist Church, where she was active in many ministries and spent long hours working with senior citizens and homebound members, conducting bible study, volunteering with the nutritional center, and providing transportation for those in need; and

**WHEREAS**, She made mission trips to Zimbabwe, Africa, and Haiti and participated in the Greater Dallas Prayer Ministry, Church Women United, Senior Citizens of Greater Dallas, and the Dallas Area Agency on Aging; she was a supporter of the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation and the African American Museum; she was a life member of the National Council of Negro Women and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People; and

**WHEREAS**, Throughout her life, Jessie was concerned about the quality of life for women; she was a member of Peacemakers, Incorporated, and worked on the planning committee for the 1999 International Global Women's Conference in Dallas; and

**WHEREAS**, Beloved and respected for her hard work on behalf of others, Jessie Barbee enriched the lives of all who knew her through her love and compassion, her warmth and kindness, and her enthusiasm for living each day to the fullest; and

**WHEREAS**, She was a devoted mother and grandmother, and she leaves behind memories that will be treasured forever by her family and many friends; now, therefore, be it

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**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 79th Legislature, 2nd Called Session, hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family of Jessie Payne Barbee: her daughters, Winsor and Tahnee; and her beloved granddaughter, Amber; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for her family as an expression of deepest sympathy from the Texas Senate, and that when the Senate adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Jessie Barbee.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on July 28, 2005, by a rising vote.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate