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H.R. No. 236

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The many friends and admirers of Zelma Smizer
2 Dockery of Cameron were greatly saddened by her passing on July 27,
3 2005, at the age of 69, and we join them in mourning their loss; and

4 WHEREAS, For many years an assistant dean of students for
5 on-campus housing at The University of Texas at Austin, Ms. Dockery
6 later worked as an aide at Ben Milam Elementary School after moving
7 to Cameron; and

8 WHEREAS, Her contributions to the community extended far
9 beyond her professional life, and she was a valued member of
10 Progressive Missionary Baptist Church, where she chaired the
11 Pastor's Aid Committee, the O. J. Thomas Queen Committee, and the
12 O. J. Thomas Scholarship Committee; moreover, she served her
13 community of faith through her involvement in the Lincoln District
14 Missionary Baptist Association of Texas as president of Mission I;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, A former president and Golden Heritage member of the
17 local chapter of the NAACP, Ms. Dockery was active in the Yoe High
18 Booster Club and was named Booster of the Year several times, and
19 she also distinguished herself in the Milam County 4-H, receiving
20 that group's Outstanding Leader Award; and

21 WHEREAS, Other well-deserved honors for Ms. Dockery included
22 the C. G. Jennings Civic Award, the O. J. Thomas "Bulldog" Award,
23 and the Fredrica Chase Dodd Award for Community Service, and she was
24 further honored as Central Texan of the Month by KCEN-TV; and

1 WHEREAS, Although Zelma Dockery will long be missed, the pain
2 of her passing may be tempered by the knowledge that hers was truly
3 a life well lived, and her unique spirit will live on in the hearts
4 of all those fortunate enough to have known her; now, therefore, be
5 it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
7 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the life of
8 Zelma Smizer Dockery and extend deepest sympathy to the members of
9 her family; and, be it further

10 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
11 prepared for her loved ones and that when the Texas House of
12 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Ms.
13 Dockery.