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H.R. No. 297

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Memories of a life filled with meaningful moments  
2 and exceptional accomplishments may comfort the family and friends  
3 of Cora Faye Dixon Clayton of San Antonio, who passed away on  
4 September 14, 2005, at the age of 64; and

5           WHEREAS, The first African American congressional staff  
6 member from south of the Mason-Dixon line, Mrs. Clayton  
7 distinguished herself as an employee of Congressman Henry B.  
8 Gonzalez for 30 years; an able communicator, she acted as the  
9 congressman's personal secretary and researched various issues for  
10 constituents; and

11           WHEREAS, Born on September 25, 1940, in San Antonio, this  
12 esteemed Texan graduated from Phillis Wheatley High School and  
13 received her bachelor's degree in business from Our Lady of the Lake  
14 University; and

15           WHEREAS, Mrs. Clayton was a dedicated community advocate and  
16 spent most of her professional life and early retirement  
17 volunteering for charities; she also enjoyed spending time with her  
18 daughters, watching baseball, and playing bridge with friends; and

19           WHEREAS, Beloved by friends and family, Cora Faye Dixon  
20 Clayton will be dearly missed by all those who were privileged to  
21 know her, and her memory will continue to inspire others for many  
22 years to come; now, therefore, be it

23           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas  
24 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the life of

1 Cora Faye Dixon Clayton and extend sincere sympathy to the members  
2 of her family: to her daughters, Tina Marie Clayton and Michelle  
3 "Toni" Clayton Collier; to her son-in-law, Larry Collier; to her  
4 brothers, Ralph and Jessy Dixon; to her sister, Marian Dixon; and to  
5 her other relatives and friends; and, be it further

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