

By: Castro

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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Family and friends are celebrating the life of
2 Bennye Carol Frazier of San Antonio, who passed away on April 10,
3 2006, at the age of 76; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in Johnson City on March 18, 1930, Mrs. Frazier
5 earned a bachelor's degree from Incarnate Word College and a
6 master's in educational psychology and guidance and counseling from
7 The University of Texas at San Antonio; and

8 WHEREAS, A skilled and dedicated teacher, she worked with
9 at-risk students enrolled in Coordinated Vocational Academic
10 Education Cooperative; during a career that spanned nearly 30
11 years, she taught at Churchill and Lanier High Schools; and

12 WHEREAS, Held in the highest regard by her colleagues, she
13 became the first woman to serve as state president of the Texas
14 Industrial Vocational Association, an organization composed
15 overwhelmingly of men, and she also served two terms as president of
16 the San Antonio Teachers Council; and

17 WHEREAS, Mrs. Frazier played an active role in the community,
18 leading the San Antonio Calligraphers Guild for two years and
19 devoting significant time and energy to groups concerned with
20 heritage preservation; she served as president of the San Antonio
21 Schools Archives Association, which has worked to preserve the
22 history of education in San Antonio, and as president of the Harp
23 and Shamrock Society, a group devoted to the celebration of Irish
24 culture and Irish contributions to Texas; she also belonged to the

1 San Antonio Conservation Society and served as paper chair of A
2 Night in Old San Antonio; and

3 WHEREAS, A stalwart of the Bexar County Democratic Party,
4 Mrs. Frazier held the offices of chairman, secretary, and treasurer
5 in that organization and also served on the State Democratic
6 Executive Committee; over the years she helped numerous candidates,
7 in races at every level, and in 2000 she cofounded a political
8 action committee by the name of Wise Ol' Women (WOW); and

9 WHEREAS, Bennye Frazier brought to her many endeavors an
10 unflinching integrity, purposefulness, and generosity of spirit that
11 won her the affection and esteem of countless fellow citizens, and
12 her memory will be forever cherished by all who were privileged to
13 share in the richness of her life; now, therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
15 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the life of
16 Bennye Carol Frazier and extend sincere sympathy to the members of
17 her family: to her husband of 50 years, Tom Frazier; to her
18 children, Ricks Frazier and his wife, Rita, Joe Frazier and his
19 wife, Mia, Julie Alexander and her husband, Ron, and Erin Burnett
20 and her husband, Wayne; to her grandchildren, Nicholas Frazier,
21 Kevin Frazier, Justin and Meaghan Alexander, Stephanie and Amanda
22 Anderson, Kirstin Burnett, and Mathew, Kamala, and Kameryn Frazier;
23 to her great-grandson, Hunter Wilson Meadows; to her brother,
24 Howard Bennett Edgeworth, Jr., and his wife, Katy; and to her many
25 other relatives and friends; and, be it further

26 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
27 prepared for her family and that when the Texas House of

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1 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Bennye
2 Carol Frazier.