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H.C.R. No. 64

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1           WHEREAS, The city of Waco lost a committed advocate and  
2 beloved friend with the sudden passing of Mayor Mae J. Jackson on  
3 February 11, 2005, at the age of 63; and

4           WHEREAS, A Central Texas native, Mayor Jackson was committed  
5 to the betterment of her community; she served the people of Waco as  
6 a two-term city councilwoman, and in 2004, she became the first  
7 African American elected to the office of mayor; and

8           WHEREAS, Mayor Jackson understood the importance of  
9 education; as a young woman she earned a bachelor's degree from  
10 Texas Southern University, and she later received graduate degrees  
11 from Our Lady of the Lake University and The University of Texas at  
12 Arlington; and

13           WHEREAS, Passionate about helping her fellow citizens, she  
14 was a social worker by profession, serving with distinction as a  
15 human services provider and consultant for many years; moreover,  
16 she worked in behalf of all Texans as a member of the Texas Board of  
17 Pardons and Paroles and as vice chair of the Governor's Commission  
18 for Women; and

19           WHEREAS, Her dedication and leadership skills were also of  
20 great benefit to a number of worthy organizations, and her service  
21 included positions on the boards of directors of the Center for  
22 Action Against Sexual Assault, the Mental Health Association, the  
23 Waco Symphony Association, the family violence division of the  
24 Texas Department of Human Services, and the Women's Foundation of

1 Texas; she also served as president of the Waco chapter of The  
2 Links, Inc., the Texas Association of Family Services Agencies, and  
3 Texas Democratic Women and as vice president of the YMCA of Central  
4 Texas and the American Association of Democratic Women; and

5 WHEREAS, Honored repeatedly for her professional and civic  
6 accomplishments, she was the recipient of the Athena International  
7 Award from General Motors and the Waco Chamber of Commerce, the  
8 Liberty Bell from the Young Lawyers State Bar of Texas, and a  
9 Lifetime Achievement Award from the Texas Association of Social  
10 Workers, to name but a few of her many accolades; and

11 WHEREAS, Although this remarkable woman will be deeply missed  
12 by those who knew and admired her, Mae Jackson's legacy of  
13 achievement will serve as an enduring reminder of her generosity  
14 and integrity, and she will undoubtedly be remembered with great  
15 respect and affection for many years to come; now, therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, That the 79th Legislature of the State of Texas  
17 hereby pay tribute to the life of the Honorable Mae J. Jackson and  
18 extend sincere sympathy to the members of her family: to her  
19 husband, Dillard Huddleston; to her children, Captain Ray Kennard  
20 Hall, Tammie Jackson Perry, and Andrea Jackson Barefield; and to  
21 all those who mourn the passing of this beloved civic leader; and,  
22 be it further

23 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
24 prepared for her family and that when the Texas House of  
25 Representatives and Senate adjourn this day, they do so in memory of  
26 Mayor Mae J. Jackson.