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H.R. No. 110

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The certain knowledge of a life well lived may
2 temper the profound sadness that the passing of ZerNona Stewart
3 Black of San Antonio brings to all who loved this inspiring woman,
4 who died on January 24, 2005, at the age of 93; and

5 WHEREAS, A graduate of the prestigious Emerson College in
6 Boston, Mrs. Black valued the importance of education and continued
7 her studies at the University of Colorado, Indiana University, Our
8 Lady of the Lake University, and Trinity University; and

9 WHEREAS, She went on to touch the lives of countless young
10 people as an instructor at Langston College and later at St.
11 Philip's College, teaching a number of different courses during her
12 distinguished career, including communication, drama, speech,
13 radio, and physical education; and

14 WHEREAS, This esteemed woman was a true leader in her
15 community who gave generously of her time and talents wherever she
16 felt she could lend a hand; she served as executive director of the
17 Alpha Tau Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority's Eastside
18 Senior Citizens' Project and established the first multi-service
19 center for the elderly; active in the National Council of Negro
20 Women, Inc., she also distinguished herself as director of Health
21 Incorporated, a day care service for the elderly, chair of the Pine
22 Street YWCA, and supervisor of the Youth National Baptist Program;
23 and

24 WHEREAS, A deeply spiritual woman, Mrs. Black served

1 alongside her accomplished husband, the Reverend Claude William
2 Black, Jr., at Mount Zion First Baptist Church for more than half a
3 century; she supported the Ministers, Deacons, and Trustees' Wives
4 Council and drama ministry, and she also served the congregation as
5 Women's Day chairlady and as a Sunday school and vacation Bible
6 school teacher; and

7 WHEREAS, Fondly called "Miss Personality," ZerNona Stewart
8 Black led a bountiful life of purpose and spread joy to all who were
9 privileged to know her; although she will be greatly missed, her
10 legacy will live on in the hearts of those whose lives she touched
11 and in her many important contributions to the people of San
12 Antonio; now, therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
14 Legislature hereby honor the life of ZerNona Stewart Black and
15 extend deepest sympathy to her family: to her husband of 58 years,
16 the Reverend Claude William Black, Jr.; to her grandson, Taj Ian
17 Matthews; to her granddaughter, Chantey Matthews; to her
18 great-grandchildren; to her cousin, Dr. John Q. Taylor King; and to
19 all those who mourn the passing of this beloved woman; and, be it
20 further

21 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
22 prepared for the members of her family and that when the Texas House
23 of Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of ZerNona
24 Stewart Black.