

By: Jones of Dallas

H.R. No. 139

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The passing of Audry Mae Owens Gardner on September
2 30, 2004, at the age of 73, has brought a profound loss to the family
3 and many friends of this beloved woman; and

4 WHEREAS, Born on June 8, 1931, in Linden to Alfred Owens and
5 Jewel Mae Rand, Audry Mae Owens wed Lawrence E. Gardner on December
6 11, 1947, and together the couple enjoyed a loving marriage that
7 would span more than 56 years and be blessed with three sons,
8 Edward, Don Wayne, and Lawrence Gardner, Jr.; and

9 WHEREAS, In addition to her role in helping to raise a fine
10 family, Mrs. Gardner was also devoted to her community, and she was
11 affiliated with both the National Association of Negro Business and
12 Professional Women's Clubs, Inc., and the South Central Dallas
13 chapter of the Top Ladies of Distinction; and

14 WHEREAS, This devout woman was also a valued congregant of
15 Good Street Missionary Baptist Church, where she attended services
16 regularly for nearly 50 years and was a member of the Miller-King
17 Bible class, the Deacon Wives, and the Mission Society; and

18 WHEREAS, In all aspects of her life, Mrs. Gardner exemplified
19 the highest ideals of integrity, compassion, and service, and she
20 will long be remembered for her zest for life and her love of family
21 and community; although she will be greatly missed, her legacy will
22 live on in the hearts of those whose lives were touched by her
23 friendship and affection; now, therefore, be it

24 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas

1 Legislature hereby pay special tribute to the life of Audry Mae
2 Owens Gardner and extend deepest sympathy to the members of her
3 family: to her husband, Lawrence E. Gardner; to her son, Edward E.
4 Gardner; to her siblings, Alfred Owens, Jr., Brig Owens, David
5 Owens, Marvin Owens, Ted Owens, Dorothy Owens Whitehurst, Shirley
6 Owens McClanahan, Raymond Bolden, Jimmy Lee Bolden, Willie Sims
7 Bolden, and Jimmy Lawrence Bolden; to her daughter-in-law, Sylvia
8 Gardner; to her grandchildren, Angela, Ashley, and Alicia Gardner;
9 to her uncle, Willie E. Owens; and to her other friends and
10 relatives; and, be it further

11 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
12 prepared for her family and that when the Texas House of
13 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Audry Mae
14 Owens Gardner.