

By: Jones of Dallas

H.R. No. 155

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Family and friends of Margie Beal Dennis of Dallas  
2 gathered on September 18, 2004, to celebrate the 90th birthday of  
3 this remarkable Texan; and

4 WHEREAS, Born on September 13, 1914, and raised in Freestone  
5 County, Mrs. Dennis has been deeply devoted to both her family and  
6 her faith; with her husband, Willie Leroy Dennis, she became the  
7 proud parent of a daughter, Betty Dennis Davis, and over the years  
8 she was blessed with a son-in-law, Ellis Davis, Jr., three  
9 grandchildren, Dennis and Rodney Davis and Ellis Davis III, and  
10 five great-grandchildren; and

11 WHEREAS, Mrs. Dennis attended Bishop College Extension and  
12 graduated from several Christian educational institutions--the  
13 Southern Bible Training School, Interracial Bible Institute, and  
14 Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary; and

15 WHEREAS, With steadfast dedication, she has spent decades  
16 putting her faith into practice, teaching Bible study classes,  
17 making weekly visits to the infirm and elderly, and, for more than  
18 39 years, conducting religious services at the city jail; a member  
19 of the Good Street Baptist Church, she has also been involved with a  
20 number of its ministries, including the Missionary Society, the  
21 Senior Citizen Ministry, the Social Service Committee, Sunday  
22 school, the Nurses Guild, and Vacation Bible School, which has been  
23 renamed to commemorate her contributions as its principal; and

24 WHEREAS, A host of organizations, both religious and secular,

1 have recognized her generosity and selflessness; she has received  
2 the Outstanding Texan Award from the Texas Legislative Black  
3 Caucus, Volunteer of the Year and Women's Day of Service Award from  
4 Good Street Baptist Church, Women of Distinction Award from the Eta  
5 Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., Caring Spirit Community Champion Award  
6 from the American Cancer Society, and Sojourner Truth Award from  
7 the South Central Business and Professional Women's Club, in  
8 addition to being inducted into the Juanita Craft Hall of Fame and  
9 garnering numerous other accolades; and

10 WHEREAS, Margie Dennis has had an immeasurable impact on the  
11 lives of countless members of her community, and her compassion and  
12 kindness have been a well of strength to those in need; now,  
13 therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas  
15 Legislature hereby congratulate Margie Beal Dennis on her 90th  
16 birthday and commend her for her long, unwavering commitment and  
17 service to her community; and, be it further

18 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
19 prepared for Mrs. Dennis as an expression of high regard by the  
20 Texas House of Representatives.