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H.R. No. 481

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The certain knowledge of a life well lived tempers
2 the profound sadness that the passing of Ruby Sue Wilcox Clifton of
3 Houston brings to all who loved this esteemed lady; and

4 WHEREAS, Born on April 20, 1910, in Houston County, Mrs.
5 Clifton studied at Sam Houston State Teachers College and received
6 a degree from the University of Houston; and

7 WHEREAS, Devoting her life to education, Miss Ruby served 38
8 years with the Houston ISD and retired as assistant superintendent
9 of board services; her leadership helped the district through the
10 turbulent years of integration, and she earned the lasting respect
11 and admiration of her colleagues as well as many recognitions for
12 her service, including a national life membership in the Congress
13 of Parents and Teachers; the Ruby Sue Clifton Middle School was
14 dedicated in her honor in 1979; and

15 WHEREAS, This notable community leader was the first woman to
16 be named chairman of the board for First Educators Credit Union;
17 again employing her exceptional leadership abilities, she helped
18 the organization to meet the challenges of the 1970s and 1980s and
19 become fiscally stronger; in recognition of her contributions, she
20 was named Chairman Emeritus of First Educators Credit Union as well
21 as the 1994 National Credit Union Director of the Year, and in 2003,
22 the Ruby Clifton Scholarship Fund was established in her honor; and

23 WHEREAS, Miss Ruby served as secretary of the Gulf Coast
24 Association of School Boards for 25 years, and she was a member of

1 Delta Kappa Gamma, the YWCA board, the Greater Houston Youth
2 Council, and Texas Women in Action; she also was a longtime member
3 of the Houston Area Retired Teachers Association, which honored her
4 as the first recipient of the Dr. Kate Bell Memorial Award; and

5 WHEREAS, A devoted congregant at St. Mark's United Methodist
6 Church since 1946, she served the church in many positions,
7 including as a member of the board of trustees, and her dedication
8 and tireless efforts were recognized with the Brother Ed Award; and

9 WHEREAS, Known as a determined and successful advocate who
10 fought in behalf of education, teacher retirement funds, and credit
11 union issues not only in Houston, but also in Washington and Austin,
12 this remarkable and beloved woman leaves behind a legacy of good
13 work and achievements that will continue to inspire and benefit her
14 fellow Texans for years to come; now, therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
16 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Ruby Sue Wilcox
17 Clifton and extend sincere sympathy to Gylene Wilcox, Paula Arnold
18 and her children, Lisa and Clark Martinson, Jenny Bennett, the
19 Reverend Dick White, Kelly Frels, Bill Young, Billy Reagan, Gary
20 Tusa, and to the other members of her family and her many friends;
21 and, be it further

22 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
23 prepared for her family and that when the Texas House of
24 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Ruby Sue
25 Wilcox Clifton.