

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Ada Cecilia Collins Anderson of Austin has dedicated  
2 her life to creating educational opportunities for youth, advancing  
3 racial equality, and promoting the arts; and

4           WHEREAS, A former national corresponding secretary and South  
5 Central regional director of Jack and Jill of America,  
6 Incorporated, Mrs. Anderson helped to found the Austin chapter of  
7 this noteworthy organization in 1953; since then, the chapter has  
8 furthered the aims of its parent organization by providing  
9 constructive educational, cultural, civic, recreational, and  
10 social activities and programs for African American youths in the  
11 Austin community; and

12           WHEREAS, Mrs. Anderson's exemplary work with Jack and Jill is  
13 one of her many notable civic and professional accomplishments;  
14 after graduating from Huston-Tillotson College, she completed the  
15 coursework for a master's degree in library science, but because  
16 she was African American, she was denied opportunities for the  
17 program's required fieldwork as well as admission to the state  
18 library; she continued her education, however, and went on to earn a  
19 master's degree in educational psychology from The University of  
20 Texas at Austin and completed graduate courses in business and  
21 finance at Northwestern University; and

22           WHEREAS, Accomplished in the fields of education and  
23 business, Mrs. Anderson taught public school, served as a  
24 psychometrist for Austin ISD, and since 1951, has co-owned a real

1 estate and insurance firm with her husband; and

2       WHEREAS, While achieving a successful professional career,  
3 Mrs. Anderson also has found time to contribute to innumerable  
4 civic organizations and educational institutions, including the  
5 Austin Community College board and the UT College of Education  
6 Foundation Advisory Council; she served on the UT Centennial  
7 Commission and is a life member of the university's Development  
8 Board as well as the National Council of Negro Women; and

9       WHEREAS, An avid supporter of the arts, Mrs. Anderson was on  
10 the board of trustees for the Laguna Gloria Art Museum for 15 years,  
11 and served as the board's chair; she was a founding board member of  
12 the Austin Lyric Opera and the initiator of that organization's  
13 LEAP program, a highly successful endeavor that has provided  
14 hundreds of minority youth exposure to area cultural resources;  
15 among the numerous other groups that have benefited from her  
16 leadership are the Texas Women's History Project Advisory  
17 Committee, the Grand Jury Association of Travis County, the  
18 Austin-Travis County Mental Health Association, St. David's Health  
19 Care Foundation, and United Way Capital Area; and

20       WHEREAS, This esteemed Texan has been honored with numerous  
21 awards over the years, including election to the Texas Black  
22 Women's Hall of Fame in 1986 and the African American Women's Hall  
23 of Fame in 1990; she has received the Scroll of Honor from the  
24 National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's  
25 Clubs, the Achievement in Education award from the National Council  
26 of Negro Women, and the Leadership Award from the Austin Chamber of  
27 Commerce Business Committee on the Arts, to name a few; recent

1 honors include the H. L. Gaines Human Relations Award from AISD and  
2 the Whitney M. Young, Jr., Award from Austin Area Urban League, both  
3 in 2001, the Leadership in Civil Rights Award from UT's LBJ School  
4 of Public Affairs and Austin's Most Worthy Citizen award from the  
5 Austin Board of Realtors, both in 2004, and the Henry B. Gonzales  
6 Award for Human Rights from the Texas Civil Rights Project in 2005;  
7 and

8 WHEREAS, Ada Anderson's important work has truly enhanced the  
9 lives of countless Texans, and she may look with pride on the  
10 profound difference that she has made in her community and beyond;  
11 now, therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas  
13 Legislature hereby commend Ada Cecilia Collins Anderson for her  
14 outstanding work with Jack and Jill of America, Incorporated, and  
15 honor her for her lifelong contributions to the city of Austin and  
16 the State of Texas; and, be it further

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

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H.R. No. 1008

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1008 was adopted by the House on April 29, 2005, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House