

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 felt by all who loved Margie Beal Dennis
3 of Dallas, who died on April 3, 2005, at the age of 90; and

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

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

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

22 WHEREAS, A host of organizations, both religious and secular,
23 recognized her generosity and selflessness; she received the
24 Outstanding Texan Award from the Texas Legislative Black Caucus,

1 Volunteer of the Year and Women's Day of Service Awards from Good
2 Street Baptist Church, Women of Distinction Award from the Eta Phi
3 Beta Sorority, Inc., Caring Spirit Community Champion Award from
4 the American Cancer Society, and Sojourner Truth Award from the
5 South Central Business and Professional Women's Club, in addition
6 to being inducted into the Juanita Craft Hall of Fame and garnering
7 numerous other accolades; and

8 WHEREAS, Margie Dennis had an immeasurable impact on the
9 lives of countless members of her community, and her compassion,
10 kindness, and strength will long be remembered by those whose lives
11 she so richly blessed with her friendship and involvement; now,
12 therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
14 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Margie Beal Dennis and
15 extend sincere sympathy to the members of her family: to her
16 daughter, Betty Dennis Davis, and her husband, Ellis Davis, Jr.; to
17 her grandchildren, Dennis W. Davis and Rodney D. Davis; to her five
18 great-grandchildren; and to her other relatives and friends; and,
19 be it further

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

Jones of Dallas

H.R. No. 1055

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1055 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on April 7, 2005.

Chief Clerk of the House