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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A loving family and dear friends celebrate the life
2 of Ruth Ella Gee Byrd of Houston, who passed from this earth on
3 March 24, 2005, at the age of 70; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in the Bayou City on December 16, 1934, she grew
5 up in the Acres Homes community in a close-knit family with eight
6 brothers and three sisters; and

7 WHEREAS, This lovely lady attended A. B. Anderson, graduated
8 as valedictorian of her class at George Washington Carver High
9 School, and went on to receive both bachelor's and master's degrees
10 from Texas Southern University; she worked for the betterment of
11 her community through her membership with Alpha Kappa Alpha
12 Sorority, Inc.; and

13 WHEREAS, Mrs. Byrd and her devoted husband, Donald, enjoyed a
14 rewarding relationship that was enriched with four children, 14
15 grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren; and

16 WHEREAS, Committed to educational excellence for all Texas
17 children, Mrs. Byrd began her notable teaching career with the
18 Houston ISD at Crawford Elementary School and concluded it 37 years
19 later at Douglass Elementary School, after having assisted
20 countless young boys and girls on their way to becoming successful,
21 responsible adults; and

22 WHEREAS, Although her presence is gone from us now, Ruth Ella
23 Gee Byrd will long be fondly remembered in the hearts of those who
24 were fortunate enough to have known her, for she made innumerable

1 contributions to the lives of so many people; now, therefore, be it
2 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
3 Legislature hereby pay special tribute to the life of Ruth Ella Gee
4 Byrd and extend sincere sympathy to the members of her family: to
5 her husband of nearly half a century, Donald Byrd, Sr.; to her
6 children, Kathy, Donald, Kleodis, and Rivis; to her grandchildren,
7 including LaTonya and Dionne, whom she raised as her own, and
8 great-grandchildren; to her siblings, Mary Lott, Betty Mae Love,
9 Dr. Lenord Gee, Rivers Gee and his wife, Pat, and Andrew Gee; to her
10 aunt, Ruby Cole; and to her other relatives and many friends; and,
11 be it further

12 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
13 prepared for her family and that when the Texas House of
14 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Ruth Ella
15 Gee Byrd.