

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Carolyn Hutchinson, a respected community leader  
2 whose evangelism and charitable endeavors touched the lives of many  
3 individuals in the Dallas area, passed away on October 8, 2006; and

4           WHEREAS, The founder and president of Carolyn Hutchinson  
5 Ministries, Ms. Hutchinson was an ordained minister and a board  
6 certified belief therapist; she launched her first project, the  
7 Healing Hands of Jesus resource center, in 1997, in order to offer  
8 those in need "a hand up, not a handout"; and

9           WHEREAS, This ministry has established a food pantry and  
10 works with other groups to provide clothing, counseling, and job  
11 and life-skills training to individuals in the Dallas/Fort Worth  
12 Metroplex; among those who have collaborated with the organization  
13 or lent it support are Exodus Ministries, Esther's House, Family  
14 Gateway, and Rhema Ranch; and

15           WHEREAS, Each year, Ms. Hutchinson oversaw the presentation  
16 of an educational conference titled Grooming for Success/Becoming  
17 Whole; with an annual attendance ranging from 50 to 70 persons, the  
18 conference is designed to teach participants how to communicate  
19 their thoughts and feelings effectively, how to form and maintain  
20 healthy relationships, and how to deal with stress and anger in a  
21 constructive manner, as well as how to create and live on a budget  
22 and how to achieve a healthier lifestyle; and

23           WHEREAS, Ms. Hutchinson's most ambitious project was the  
24 development of the Deborah/Joshua House, a facility that will

1 provide transitional housing for women between the ages of 18 and  
2 63; among those targeted are ex-offenders, who are unable to access  
3 certain social services and who are often turned away by  
4 prospective landlords; and

5 WHEREAS, The Deborah/Joshua program will give such women a  
6 genuine chance to turn their lives around, both through counseling  
7 and through training in the basic skills that make it possible to  
8 live with dignity as an independent, productive citizen; program  
9 staff and volunteers will continue to mentor clients after their  
10 graduation; and

11 WHEREAS, Carolyn Hutchinson was born in Nacogdoches on  
12 February 10, 1945, and was an alumna of E. J. Campbell High School,  
13 Mountain View College, and Christ for the Nations Institute; she  
14 resided in DeSoto and attended Hillcrest Church in Dallas, where  
15 she served as a valued member of the Women's Board; and

16 WHEREAS, Deeply moved by the suffering of those on the  
17 margins of society, Carolyn Hutchinson made a real difference in  
18 the lives of innumerable women, men, and children, and her ministry  
19 has been a source of deep inspiration to all who worked with her;  
20 now, therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas  
22 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Carolyn Hutchinson  
23 and extend sincere sympathy to the members of her family: to her  
24 daughters and sons-in-law, Judith LaGay and Anthony Walker,  
25 Amalaneze Londe and Michael Herron, and Carolyn Denise Mosley; to  
26 her son and daughter-in-law, Virgil Lee White, Jr., and Karen  
27 White; to her mother, Mary Russaw; to her sister and

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1 brother-in-law, Christine and Jerry Harris; to her brother, Craig  
2 Brown; to her six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; and to  
3 her other relatives and many friends; and, be it further

4       RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
5 prepared for the members of her family and that when the Texas House  
6 of Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Carolyn  
7 Hutchinson.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 44 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on March 1, 2007.

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Chief Clerk of the House