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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

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.