RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The State of Texas lost an esteemed educator and 2 public servant with the passing of the Honorable Glenda Dawson of 3 Pearland on September 12, 2006; and

WHEREAS, Before her election to the Texas House of Representatives in 2002, Glenda Dawson had a notable career in education that spanned more than three decades; her passion for teaching earned her the Pearland I.S.D. Teacher of the Year Award in 1989, and in 2000, that school district created the Glenda Dawson First Year Teacher Award in honor of her exceptional commitment to public education; her employment history also included training future educators as an adjunct professor and instructional supervisor for secondary teachers at the University of Houston; a graduate of Sam Houston State University, she received the school's Distinguished Alumni Award in 2005; and

WHEREAS, Representative Dawson drew on her life experiences to positively benefit others as a two-term member of the house; she served on the Public Health, Higher Education, and House Administration Committees, and she was recognized by her peers in the 78th Legislature with an Outstanding Freshman Education Legislator award; among her many significant contributions was the establishment of the statewide DEAR Program for potential organ donors, and, as the recipient of a kidney donation herself, she was proud to witness the start of the program on September 1, 2006; and

WHEREAS, Devoted to her Southeast Texas community,

- 1 Representative Dawson shared her time and expertise with numerous
- 2 organizations, including the Vic Coppinger YMCA, the Pearland
- 3 College Center, the Pearland Rotary Club, the Pearland/Hobby Area
- 4 Chamber of Commerce, the Pearland Exchange Club, the PISD
- 5 District-wide Education Improvement Council, the Tri-District
- 6 School-to-Careers Partnership, and the Pearland High School
- 7 chapter of Youth for Christ; moreover, she was a youth Bible studies
- 8 teacher for 10 years; and
- 9 WHEREAS, Glenda Dawson greatly contributed to the betterment
- of the Pearland community and the State of Texas; although she will
- 11 be deeply missed, her legacy lives on through the countless lives
- 12 she touched as a teacher, lawmaker, motivational speaker, and role
- 13 model to those who were privileged to share in her years on this
- 14 earth; now, therefore, be it
- RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
- 16 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of the Honorable Glenda
- 17 Dawson and extend sincere sympathy to the members of her family: to
- 18 her daughter, Dee Saenz, and her husband, Carlos; to her
- 19 grandchildren, Lauren and Dawson; to her mother, Ruby Miles; to her
- 20 brother, Jesse Miles, and his wife, Pat; to her sister, Diane
- 21 Taylor, and her husband, Darrell; and to her many other friends and
- 22 admirers from across the Lone Star State; and, be it further
- 23 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
- 24 prepared for her family and that when the Texas House of
- 25 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of State
- 26 Representative Glenda Dawson.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 202 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on February 1, 2007.

Chief Clerk of the House