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H.R. No. 202

R E S O L U T I O N

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

4 WHEREAS, Before her election to the Texas House of  
5 Representatives in 2002, Glenda Dawson had a notable career in  
6 education that spanned more than three decades; her passion for  
7 teaching earned her the Pearland I.S.D. Teacher of the Year Award in  
8 1989, and in 2000, that school district created the Glenda Dawson  
9 First Year Teacher Award in honor of her exceptional commitment to  
10 public education; her employment history also included training  
11 future educators as an adjunct professor and instructional  
12 supervisor for secondary teachers at the University of Houston; a  
13 graduate of Sam Houston State University, she received the school's  
14 Distinguished Alumni Award in 2005; and

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

24 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  
10 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

15 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.