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H.R. No. 599

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Elmira Cornett of Houston, a beloved community
2 leader, celebrated her 86th birthday on February 13, 2007; and

3 WHEREAS, Born in Louisiana in 1921, the former Elmira Harvey
4 graduated from Phillis Wheatley High School and went on to attend
5 the Benz School of Floral Design; in 1970, she opened the Cornett
6 Flower and Gift Shop, which she operated for nearly two decades; and

7 WHEREAS, Known by family and friends as "Mama L.," this
8 esteemed woman has worked in behalf of youth in her community as an
9 advisory board member of Hobart Taylor Park and the Houston Parks
10 and Recreation Department and as a volunteer with Boy Scout Troop
11 No. 896, Norton Church of God in Christ, and Buck Street Memorial
12 Church of God in Christ; moreover, she has shared her time and
13 talents as a youth drama teacher and has benefited numerous
14 organizations with her fund-raising efforts; in 1985, she founded
15 the Joy of Awakening Life Youth Planning Center, which continues to
16 help those in need through distributions of clothing, food, and
17 charitable donations; and

18 WHEREAS, Mrs. Cornett has received numerous well-deserved
19 honors through the years, including a certificate of recognition
20 from the National Children's Cancer Society, an outstanding black
21 Houstonian award from Magic 102, and a certificate of service from
22 the Harris County Juvenile Probation Department, to name but a few;
23 and

24 WHEREAS, The wife of the late Alton Cornett, Mrs. Cornett

1 enjoys the love and support of her three children, as well as her
2 grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and

3 WHEREAS, Elmira "Mama L." Cornett has inspired countless
4 people with her passionate dedication to the youth of her
5 community, and her 86th birthday provides an opportune time to
6 honor her for her exceptional efforts; now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
8 Legislature hereby congratulate Elmira Cornett on her 86th birthday
9 and commend her for the myriad ways in which she has brightened the
10 lives of her fellow Texans; and, be it further

11 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
12 prepared for Mrs. Cornett as an expression of high regard by the
13 Texas House of Representatives.