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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Para Lee Washington Reed was honored by the
2 Renaissance Cultural Center of Fort Worth on February 24, 2007, in
3 recognition of the milestone of her 90th birthday; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in 1917, Mrs. Reed has been a constant source of
5 joy and inspiration to her friends and family, which today includes
6 five children and their spouses, 12 grandchildren, and 15
7 great-grandchildren; and

8 WHEREAS, A graduate of Booker T. Washington High School in
9 Houston, she is a retired home missionary, and her efforts in behalf
10 of her religious community are innumerable and began with her
11 service to Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church in Ballinger, where she
12 attended as a youth and young adult; and

13 WHEREAS, Mrs. Reed moved to Brownwood in 1938 and would call
14 the city home for the next 55 years; a member of the Mt. Zion
15 Missionary Baptist Church, she gave of her time and talents as a
16 church clerk, Sunday school superintendent, and representative of
17 Church Women United; she also volunteered with the Southern Baptist
18 Brown County Association at Coggin Avenue Baptist Church and shared
19 her faith as a guest speaker at churches and organizations such as
20 the General Women's House Party on the campus of Baylor University;
21 and

22 WHEREAS, In 1993, Mrs. Reed moved to Grand Prairie and
23 quickly became one of Paradise Missionary Baptist Church's most
24 respected congregants, acting as a counselor and friend to its many

1 members; after 10 years of residence in Grand Prairie, she moved to
2 Fort Worth and has since blessed the Meadowbrook First Baptist
3 Church with her presence and noted leadership skills, even going as
4 far as to organize and facilitate a pastoral aid committee at the
5 age of 87, which she currently serves as president and advisor; and

6 WHEREAS, In addition to her work with her church, she has
7 benefited her new community through her involvement with the
8 Renaissance Cultural Center of Fort Worth; as an active volunteer,
9 she has helped to ensure the success of its health fairs and
10 Juneteenth and Black History Month celebrations; and

11 WHEREAS, Throughout her 90 years, Mrs. Reed has lived a
12 faithful life of service to others and has demonstrated great
13 caring and generosity, and it is indeed a pleasure to recognize her
14 on nine decades of life well lived; now, therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
16 Legislature hereby congratulate Para Lee Washington Reed on the
17 joyous occasion of her 90th birthday and extend to her best wishes
18 for continued happiness; and, be it further

19 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
20 prepared for Mrs. Reed as an expression of high regard by the Texas
21 House of Representatives.