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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The city of Dallas has lost an admired civic leader
2 with the passing of Lillian M. Cooper, who died on April 15, 2007,
3 at the age of 72; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in San Augustine on May 17, 1934, Mrs. Cooper
5 moved to Dallas in 1952, following her graduation from high school;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, This esteemed Texan gave generously of her time and
8 talents to many civic organizations and other worthy causes; she
9 was associated with the Greater Dallas Housing Opportunity Center,
10 the Senior Citizens of Metropolitan Dallas, the Dallas Homeowners
11 League, Friends of Fair Park, and the League of Women Voters; she
12 also served as president of Our Brothers Keeper--NDUGU, a drug
13 abuse and addiction outreach program, and assisted teachers and
14 administrators with the care of students at the Charles Rice
15 Learning Center; and

16 WHEREAS, Equally engaged in the political arena, she held
17 membership in the Dallas chapter of the Texas Women's Political
18 Caucus and served for many years as a precinct chair for the Dallas
19 County Democratic Party; and

20 WHEREAS, The former Lillian Montgomery married Joseph Cooper
21 on April 16, 1953, and the couple enjoyed a rewarding union of 54
22 years; Mrs. Cooper became the devoted mother of a stepson and three
23 daughters; and

24 WHEREAS, Lillian Cooper touched and enriched the lives of

1 countless residents of the Dallas area, and those who shared in her
2 love and friendship will forever hold her close in their hearts;
3 now, therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
5 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Lillian M. Cooper and
6 extend sincere sympathy to the members of her family: to her
7 husband, Joseph Cooper; to her daughters, Jacqueline Jones, Denise
8 Clayton and her husband, Eric, and Nancy Hall and her husband,
9 Carlton; to her stepson, Billy Joe Cooper and his wife, Darlena; to
10 her sisters, Estelle Scott, Fannie Hoyt, Margaret Fisher, and
11 Madlyn Ellis and her husband, Clarence; to her grandchildren,
12 Bridgett, Michael, and Michelle Cooper and Billy Joe Cooper, Jr.,
13 Venisa, Johnny, and Rickey Jones, Joseph, Candace, and Erika
14 Clayton and Eric Clayton II, and James, Jennifer, and Jasmine Hall;
15 to her 21 great-grandchildren; and to her other relatives and many
16 friends; and, be it further

17 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
18 prepared for her family and that when the Texas House of
19 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Lillian M.
20 Cooper.