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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, An educator, a researcher, and an advocate for
2 issues affecting women and African Americans, Gloria Dean Randle
3 Scott has long contributed to the betterment of her state and
4 nation; and

5 WHEREAS, Born in Houston, Gloria Dean Randle graduated from
6 Jack Yates High School as salutatorian of her class; she received
7 the E. E. Worthing Scholarship, which enabled her to attend Indiana
8 University, where she earned a bachelor's degree and a master's
9 degree in zoology and a Ph.D. in higher education in 1965; and

10 WHEREAS, Joined in matrimony with Will Braxton Scott in 1959,
11 she began her career as a research associate at Indiana University
12 Psychiatric Research Institute, then continued as an instructor in
13 biology at Marian College, becoming the first African American
14 teacher at a four-year college in Indianapolis; and

15 WHEREAS, Throughout her 40-year career, Dr. Scott has
16 dedicated herself to the education of African American youth at
17 historically black colleges, and she has taught at Knoxville
18 College, North Carolina A&T State University, Texas Southern
19 University, and Grambling State University; and

20 WHEREAS, Dr. Scott has further distinguished herself as an
21 academic administrator, serving as dean of students at Knoxville
22 College, as executive vice president at Clark College, and as
23 president and CEO of Bennett College for Women; and

24 WHEREAS, A talented researcher as well, Dr. Scott has

1 conducted groundbreaking studies on women in academia; from 2002 to
2 2005, she was a visiting research professor at Jarvis Christian
3 College, where her study, *African American Women in Academia,*
4 *1901-2001*, was funded by a Ford Foundation grant; and

5 WHEREAS, Dr. Scott has always contributed generously of her
6 time to numerous nonprofit organizations; she has served as a board
7 member for Common Cause and for the National Urban League, which she
8 also served as Education Committee chair; a board member of the Girl
9 Scouts of the USA for more than 30 years, she was the first woman of
10 color to serve the national organization as first vice president
11 and as president; and

12 WHEREAS, Her devotion to her profession, to her students, and
13 to the public welfare has led to her appointment to a number of
14 national commissions by Presidents Ford, Carter, and Bush, as well
15 as to her receipt of the Outstanding Woman in America award from the
16 *Ladies Home Journal* and the highest honor given by the Girl Scouts;
17 and

18 WHEREAS, Throughout her remarkable career, Dr. Gloria Randle
19 Scott has been a leader in the field of education, a powerful voice
20 for the empowerment of women and minorities, and an inspiration to
21 all who know her; now, therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
23 Legislature hereby congratulate Gloria Dean Randle Scott on her
24 many contributions and accomplishments and extend to her best
25 wishes for her continued success; and, be it further

26 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
27 prepared for Dr. Scott as an expression of high regard by the Texas

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1 House of Representatives.