

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Countless lives were touched by the caring nature of
2 educator, matriarch, and community leader Jimmie Doris Bland of
3 Osage, who passed away on May 8, 2007, at the age of 91; and

4 WHEREAS, A native of Osage, Jimmie Bland was born on March 20,
5 1916, to Stanley Price, a farmer, and Nobia Jenkins Edwards, a
6 schoolteacher, and graduated from Gatesville High School in 1932;
7 she earned a bachelor's degree in elementary education from North
8 Texas State Teachers' College and a master's degree in elementary
9 education from Baylor University; and

10 WHEREAS, On August 26, 1939, she married Jeff Bland in
11 Denton, and the couple were blessed with two children, four
12 grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren; and

13 WHEREAS, A dedicated elementary schoolteacher, Mrs. Bland
14 taught in Osage, Speegleville, and Crawford, and she was respected
15 and admired by colleagues and students alike; with wholehearted
16 faith in her students' abilities, she brought out the best in them
17 with her firm, organized, and thoughtful guidance, and her approach
18 not only enabled them to learn but helped them understand that she
19 truly cared for them; moreover, Mrs. Bland shared with her students
20 life lessons in behaving responsibly and in showing respect and
21 consideration to others; in acknowledgment of the profound and
22 positive influence Mrs. Bland had on her students, she was
23 recognized with the dedication of the 1973 Crawford yearbook in her
24 honor; she retired three years later, after 26 years of teaching;

1 and

2 WHEREAS, A valued congregant of Osage Baptist Church, which
3 had been established in 1874 with the help of her ancestors, Mrs.
4 Bland was a lifelong member of the church; the first woman to serve
5 as church clerk, she was also a respected Sunday school teacher; and

6 WHEREAS, This esteemed Texan gave generously of her time and
7 talents to the greater community as well, serving as the longtime
8 secretary of the Osage Cemetery Historical Association, as the
9 editor of *The Historical Book of Coryell County Families*, and as a
10 member of the Daughters of the American Revolution; and

11 WHEREAS, Mrs. Bland was also a gifted artist who created
12 numerous oil paintings of Central Texas landscapes and who taught
13 her grandchildren to paint; furthermore, she was a quilter, a
14 seamstress, a gardener, and an accomplished cook known for her
15 down-home Southern cuisine; and

16 WHEREAS, Above all else, Mrs. Bland was treasured for her
17 selflessness and her capacity to make everyone she knew feel
18 special and included, and through her inspiring example, she taught
19 her family faith, gratitude, humility, and charity; and

20 WHEREAS, Held in the highest regard by all who knew her,
21 Jimmie Bland brought a generosity of spirit and an unfailing
22 integrity to all of her endeavors, and in so doing, she built a life
23 that was remarkably rich in family, friends, and accomplishments;
24 now, therefore, be it

25 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
26 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Jimmie Doris Bland and
27 extend sympathy to the members of her family: to her children, Doris

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1 Schraeder and Linda Ford; to her grandchildren, Tammy Hale, Connie
2 Prince, Karen Moore, and David Moore; to her great-grandchildren,
3 Emily, Audrey, Andrea, and Caleb Hale, Reed and Ashley Prince, and
4 Novia Ane and Dalton Moore; and to her other relatives and friends;
5 and, be it further

6 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
7 prepared for her family and that when the Texas House of
8 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Jimmie
9 Doris Bland.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2269 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on May 18, 2007.

Chief Clerk of the House