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H.R. No. 272

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, With the passing of Dr. Sophie Thompson Womack on
2 February 17, 2008, the citizens of Detroit, Michigan, and San
3 Antonio, Texas, lost a gifted and caring professional, and we join
4 her family and friends in mourning their loss; and

5 WHEREAS, A graduate of Howard University, Sophie Womack
6 earned her master's degree from the University of Tennessee at
7 Knoxville and went on to attend Meharry Medical College; and

8 WHEREAS, Dr. Womack broke new ground for both African
9 Americans and women throughout her notable career in medicine; the
10 first African American elected president of the Wayne County
11 Medical Society of Michigan, she was also the first African
12 American and first woman to become president of the medical staff at
13 Detroit Medical Center; and

14 WHEREAS, This distinguished neonatologist served as a
15 division chief at Sinai-Grace Hospital and as vice president of
16 medical affairs at Harper University Hospital and Hutzel Women's
17 Hospital; moreover, she gave back to her community through her
18 establishment with her husband, Dr. Jimmy Womack, of the
19 Coalition-Circle of Hope, an organization dedicated to children's
20 health and wellness; and

21 WHEREAS, In addition to enjoying the special bond she shared
22 with her husband, Dr. Womack also found great joy in her
23 relationship with her daughters, Ashley and Brandi; and

24 WHEREAS, Although "Dr. Sophie" will be greatly missed, she

1 leaves behind a legacy that will forever serve to inspire the
2 countless people whose lives she touched during her time on this
3 earth; now, therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
5 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Dr. Sophie Thompson
6 Womack and extend deepest sympathy to the members of her family: to
7 her husband, Dr. Jimmy Womack; to her daughters, Ashley and Brandi
8 Womack; to her mother, Irene Thompson; to her sisters, Laura and
9 Carolyn Thompson, Irene Jones, and Juanita Turner; to her brother,
10 Clarence Thompson; and to her other relatives and many friends;
11 and, be it further

12 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
13 prepared for her family and that when the Texas House of
14 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Dr. Sophie
15 Thompson Womack.