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H.R. No. 397

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Family and friends mourn the loss of Mildred Orville  
2 Guilmenot Gipson of Bexar County, who passed away on December 6,  
3 2007, at the age of 93; and

4           WHEREAS, Born in Corpus Christi on January 25, 1914, to  
5 Richard Arthur and Millie Evers Guilmenot, Orville Gipson grew up  
6 in San Antonio, where she was a member of St. Paul Episcopal Church;  
7 after graduating from Frederick Douglass High School, she continued  
8 her education at St. Philip's College; and

9           WHEREAS, In September 1941, she married Earl D. Gipson, with  
10 whom she shared more than 40 years and raised a beloved son, Earl  
11 Gipson, Jr.; and

12           WHEREAS, Answering her nation's call to duty during World War  
13 II, Mrs. Gipson became a "Kelly Katie" at the San Antonio Air  
14 Service Command at Kelly Field, where thousands of civilian women  
15 contributed to the war effort by maintaining the nation's  
16 warplanes; Mrs. Gipson particularly excelled in the repair and  
17 rebuilding of aircraft instruments; after Kelly Field became Kelly  
18 Air Force Base in 1948, this esteemed Texan earned the distinction  
19 of being the first woman to serve as equipment management officer  
20 for the motor pool; she retired in 1982 after nearly four decades of  
21 dedicated service; and

22           WHEREAS, Mrs. Gipson also contributed generously to her  
23 community; with her lifelong friend, Henrietta Roberts Stevenson,  
24 she cofounded the Carver Community Cultural Center Volunteers, a

1 group that supports and facilitates the events and performances  
2 held at this notable cultural institution; and

3 WHEREAS, A woman of great intellectual curiosity, Mrs. Gipson  
4 amassed a large personal library and sought to instill in all the  
5 children in her life an appreciation of literature, history, and  
6 the arts; and

7 WHEREAS, This capable and caring woman enriched the lives of  
8 many during her journey on this earth, and the memory of her kind  
9 and generous spirit will be forever treasured by those who were  
10 privileged to share in the warmth of her love and friendship; now,  
11 therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas  
13 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Mildred Orville  
14 Guilmenot Gipson and extend sincere condolences to the members of  
15 her family: to her son, Earl Gipson, Jr., and his wife, Erma Jean;  
16 to her sister, Betty Joan Green; to her brother, Warren Guilmenot,  
17 and his wife, Juanita; to her six granddaughters; to her 12 nieces  
18 and nephews; and to her many other relatives and friends; and, be it  
19 further

20 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
21 prepared for her family and that when the Texas House of  
22 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Mildred  
23 Orville Guilmenot Gipson.