

By: Edwards

H.R. No. 771

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The many contributions of Bessie M. Swindle to the  
2 city of Houston are being recognized with the dedication of the  
3 Bessie Swindle Community Center on March 21, 2009; and

4           WHEREAS, For more than 30 years, Bessie Swindle has used her  
5 skills as a community organizer to make a difference in Houston; in  
6 1985, she founded and served as president of the Cloverland Civic  
7 Club, representing 400 homeowners in the neighborhood, sponsoring  
8 fund-raisers, aiding needy families, and raising money for  
9 scholarships; and

10           WHEREAS, Since 1994, she has been president of the Southeast  
11 Coalition of Civic Clubs, promoting community awareness, and more  
12 recently, she was appointed outreach coordinator for Congressman Al  
13 Green of the Ninth District; she has also served as community  
14 liaison for the constable's office in Precinct 7 and as a troop  
15 leader for the San Jacinto Council of the Girl Scouts of America;  
16 since 1969, Ms. Swindle has been an active member and volunteer at  
17 St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church; and

18           WHEREAS, This energetic and compassionate citizen has earned  
19 many awards and recognitions for her work over the years, including  
20 Parent of the Year from James H. Law Elementary in 1975, the Mayor's  
21 Award for Outstanding Volunteer Service in 1996, the Texas  
22 Legislative Black Caucus Award in 1999, and the Sir Knight Dennis  
23 Armelin Humanitarian Award in 2004, among others; in 2007, the City  
24 of Houston honored her with Bessie M. Swindle Day and Partnership of

1 Service Day; and

2 WHEREAS, Formerly the Cloverland Community Center, the  
3 Bessie Swindle Community Center is being renamed in Ms. Swindle's  
4 honor by the Houston Parks and Recreation Department, and this  
5 occasion offers a fine opportunity to pay tribute to this esteemed  
6 community leader; now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas  
8 Legislature hereby commemorate the dedication of the Bessie Swindle  
9 Community Center and recognize Ms. Swindle for her many good works;  
10 and, be it further

11 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
12 prepared for Ms. Swindle as an expression of high regard by the  
13 Texas House of Representatives.