

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Bessie F. Chisum of Beaumont has served her
2 community for more than three decades, and it is indeed a pleasure
3 to recognize her for her outstanding civic contributions; and

4 WHEREAS, A native of the Mississippi Delta, Bessie Chisum
5 earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Mississippi and a
6 master's degree from Louisiana State University; she went on to
7 teach Spanish, speech, and English in her home state, and she later
8 worked in the health insurance industry; in 1976, she and her
9 husband, Stewart, relocated to Beaumont, where she launched Chisum
10 Resource Management, a consulting firm specializing in leadership
11 development, strategic planning, and human resources; and

12 WHEREAS, Mrs. Chisum began working with Leadership Southeast
13 Texas in 1993 as a program consultant, and her devotion and hard
14 work have benefited the nonprofit organization in many ways;
15 currently serving as its executive director, she brings together
16 more than 50 leaders from throughout Southeast Texas every year to
17 advance the program's goals of educating its participants on the
18 complex issues facing the area, addressing economic development,
19 and fostering regional unity; a graduate of Leadership Beaumont and
20 Leadership Texas, Mrs. Chisum has also helped create an active
21 alumni organization, and she instituted Leadership Southeast Texas
22 Day at the State Capitol; and

23 WHEREAS, Mrs. Chisum has further contributed to numerous
24 community organizations, serving on the boards of the Beaumont

1 Public Schools Foundation, the Beaumont Community Development
2 Block Grant Citizens Advisory Committee, the local chapter of the
3 Texas Association of Business, Junior Achievement of Southeast
4 Texas, the Edison Museum, and the Julie Rogers "Gift of Life"
5 program; in addition, Mrs. Chisum is a former president of Beaumont
6 Main Street, the Beaumont Historical Landmark Commission, the Art
7 Museum of Southeast Texas, and the Association of Texas Leadership
8 Programs; she was board chair of the Beaumont Chamber of Commerce
9 and has received such accolades from the group as the Athena Award
10 and the Volunteer of the Year designation; she is also an active
11 member of the Rotary Club of Beaumont and a Paul Harris fellow; and

12 WHEREAS, A distinguished civic leader, Bessie Chisum has
13 garnered the lasting respect and admiration of her fellow citizens,
14 and she may indeed reflect with great pride on the positive impact
15 she has had on her community; now, therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
17 Legislature hereby honor Bessie F. Chisum for her dedicated public
18 service and extend to her sincere best wishes for continued success
19 and happiness; and, be it further

20 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
21 prepared for Mrs. Chisum as an expression of high regard by the
22 Texas House of Representatives.

Hamilton

H.R. No. 867

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 867 was adopted by the House on March 23, 2009, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House