

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The life of Fort Worth resident Bessie Reed has
2 spanned the entirety of the 20th century and is continuing into the
3 21st, and it is indeed a pleasure to honor this remarkable woman;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, The granddaughter of a slave, Bessie Reed was born
6 December 19, 1900; she attended segregated schools as a child and
7 taught herself to read; she has worked as a farmer, housekeeper, and
8 seamstress, and she lived in Seattle before relocating with her
9 daughter to Fort Worth in 1996; today, Mrs. Reed enjoys the company
10 of her niece, Mrs. Dudley, and a treasured family that includes one
11 grandchild and one great-great-grandson, and she takes pleasure in
12 reading from her Bible daily; and

13 WHEREAS, Over the past 108 years, Mrs. Reed has witnessed
14 major developments in technology and the first moon landing, as
15 well as two world wars, the Great Depression, and the tragedy of
16 September 11, 2001; while her own mother, Lena Zumo, lived to be
17 101, Mrs. Reed never imagined that she would see an African American
18 elected president of the United States within her lifetime; she was
19 elated to cast her vote for Barack Obama, and she proudly watched as
20 his victory was announced on television; and

21 WHEREAS, A kind and caring woman, Bessie Reed shares her
22 enthusiasm for living life to the fullest with all who meet her, and
23 she serves as an inspiration to her fellow citizens in Fort Worth
24 and beyond; now, therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
2 Legislature hereby recognize Bessie Reed as an extraordinary and
3 cherished member of her community and extend to her sincere best
4 wishes for continued happiness; and, be it further

5 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
6 prepared for Mrs. Reed as an expression of high regard by the Texas
7 House of Representatives.

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H.R. No. 871

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 871 was adopted by the House on March 26, 2009, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House