

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A full and generous life came to an end with the
2 passing of Sammie Lee Sims of Fort Worth on February 25, 2009, at
3 the age of 92; and

4 WHEREAS, Born on October 23, 1916, the former Sammie Lee
5 Harper grew up in Lodi in Marion County; she graduated from Central
6 High School in Jefferson, and shortly thereafter, she moved to the
7 Sherman area with her family; and

8 WHEREAS, In her early 20s, she married the love of her life,
9 Charlie Edward Sims, whom she had known since first grade; the
10 couple were blessed with two sons, Theophlous and William, and
11 enjoyed 55 years together, until Mr. Sims passed away in 1992; and

12 WHEREAS, Mrs. Sims attended the Madam C. J. Walker School of
13 Cosmetology in Dallas and operated the Ever-Ready Beauty Salon in
14 Sherman after her graduation; determined to further her education,
15 she became one of the first African Americans to enroll at Austin
16 College in Sherman, and her example helped inspire future
17 generations of her family to devote themselves to their studies; in
18 1972, she and her husband relocated to Fort Worth, where their sons
19 lived, and the family founded a business, Sims Enterprises, Inc.,
20 with Mrs. Sims serving as secretary; and

21 WHEREAS, This esteemed Texan took great comfort in her faith;
22 during her youth, she attended Mount Moriah Baptist Church in Lodi,
23 and she was a very active member of the congregation at St. James
24 United Methodist Church in Sherman and Morningside United Methodist

1 Church in Fort Worth; she and her family later helped found Campus
2 Drive United Methodist Church, where Mrs. Sims served as lay
3 speaker for the congregation; in addition to her church activities,
4 she was a member of J. C. Boger Chapter No. 229 of the Order of the
5 Eastern Star; and

6 WHEREAS, Known to many as "Aunt Sammie" or "Mama Sims,"
7 Sammie Lee Sims will be deeply missed, but the memory of her warmth,
8 kindness, and devotion will continue to inspire those she has left
9 behind; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
11 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Sammie Lee Sims and
12 extend sincere sympathy to the members of her family: to her
13 children, Dr. Theophlous Aron Sims, Sr., and his wife, Nancy, and
14 William Lee Sims and his wife, Mildred; to her grandchildren, Dr.
15 Theophlous Aron Sims, Jr., and his wife, Amy, LeAnn Sims Person and
16 her husband, Marc, Shannon Sims Alfred and her husband, Carl,
17 Stephanie Sims Siphon and her husband, Dameon, and Ruston Martin
18 Sims; to her sister, Annie Martin; to her great-grandchildren,
19 Austin, Caleb, Cara, Dekhota, Lauren, Zoel, Carlyne, Bernard,
20 Kennedy, and Kolbi; and to her other relatives and friends; and, be
21 it further

22 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
23 prepared for her family and that when the Texas House of
24 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Sammie Lee
25 Sims.

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H.R. No. 1260

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1260 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on April 23, 2009.

Chief Clerk of the House