## R E S OLUTION

WHEREAS, Mildred L. Thornton, a longtime member of the Eta Chapter of Eta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., is being honored by the organization at its annual Founders Day celebration on June 13, 2009; and

WHEREAS, Guided by the motto "Not For Ourselves But For Others," Eta Phi Beta is a venue for African American businesswomen that seeks to promote high scholastic standards, personal growth, career awareness, and community involvement; Mrs. Thornton joined the sorority's Eta Chapter in 1966, just six years after the group was established in the Dallas-Fort Worth area; in addition to twice serving as the chapter president, she has held such positions as fund-raising chair and financial secretary, and she was named Member of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Before retiring in 1991, Mrs. Thornton was a prekindergarten teacher at a local private school, and she also taught adult education courses at Dunbar High School and at Tarrant County College; moreover, she has generously assisted elderly residents in the community, and she is a member of St. Andrew's United Methodist Church in Fort Worth, where she has participated in the Sanctuary Choir, the board of trustees, and United Methodist Women; and

WHEREAS, For more than four decades, Mildred Thornton has been committed to the Eta Phi Beta ideals of sisterhood, leadership, and community service, and she may indeed reflect with

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas Legislature hereby honor Mildred L. Thornton of the Eta Chapter of Eta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., and extend to her sincere best wishes for continued happiness; and, be it further

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

