

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Ruth King of El Paso has played a vital role in her
2 community through her service with the YWCA; and

3 WHEREAS, Born and raised in El Paso, Mrs. King graduated from
4 Douglass High School and attended the Meharry School of Nursing in
5 Nashville, Tennessee; this accomplished woman went on to earn a
6 bachelor's degree in sociology from Fisk University and a
7 Rockefeller Fellowship to the University of Toronto; and

8 WHEREAS, Mrs. King returned to El Paso and became the first
9 African American nurse employed by the local school district; after
10 more than a decade of service, she retired from nursing and began
11 sharing her time as a volunteer with a number of worthwhile
12 initiatives; and

13 WHEREAS, A committed advocate for the YWCA, she figured
14 prominently in the development of the Lower Valley branch and
15 chaired the council during the facility's construction and
16 remodeling; in that capacity, she helped to secure a day-care
17 center, thrift shop, and swimming pool for the branch; and

18 WHEREAS, Elected to the YWCA Board of Directors in 1980, Mrs.
19 King worked on the first REACH selection committee, which honored
20 distinguished El Paso businesswomen, and she also organized a
21 program to involve high school girls in this annual event; her
22 outstanding efforts in behalf of the organization led to her
23 appointment to the nominating committee of the YWCA of the USA; and

24 WHEREAS, Communities across the Lone Star State benefit

1 greatly from the talent and commitment of individuals such as Ruth
2 King, and for many years, this dedicated volunteer has served as an
3 inspiring leader and role model in El Paso through her work with the
4 YWCA; now, therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
6 Legislature hereby commend Ruth King for her long record of service
7 with the El Paso YWCA and extend to her sincere best wishes for
8 continued happiness; and, be it further

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

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H.R. No. 2373

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2373 was adopted by the House on May 25, 2009, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House