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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Henrietta Eugene Roberts Stevenson of San Antonio is
2 being honored as a Diamond Member by the Alpha Tau Omega Chapter of
3 Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., on June 13, 2009; and

4 WHEREAS, A native of the Alamo City, Mrs. Stevenson was born
5 on July 24, 1915, the granddaughter of former slaves; her father
6 grew up on a plantation in Mississippi, and her mother, the former
7 Ira Aldridge Kirkpatrick, was the granddaughter of runaway slave
8 Madison Kirkpatrick; and

9 WHEREAS, Mrs. Stevenson graduated from Douglas Senior High
10 School and received a \$25 scholarship to Fisk University, and she
11 completed her freshman year at St. Philip's College in San Antonio;
12 she went on to earn her bachelor's and master's degrees from the
13 University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, where she was initiated into
14 the Beta Eta Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority and served as its
15 president; and

16 WHEREAS, Following completion of her education, Mrs.
17 Stevenson accepted a position at Samuel Huston College in Austin
18 and became a charter member of the Beta Psi Omega Chapter of Alpha
19 Kappa Alpha; she went on to teach Spanish at St. Philip's College,
20 support the war effort as a clerk for the War Department Office of
21 Dependency Benefits, and become the first African American educator
22 in the Morristown, New Jersey, public school system; and

23 WHEREAS, She continued her affiliation with Alpha Kappa
24 Alpha, serving as president of the Beta Alpha Omega Chapter in

1 Newark, New Jersey from 1960 to 1962, and in 1971, she returned to
2 San Antonio and transferred to the Alpha Tau Omega Chapter; she
3 taught at Laura Steele Elementary before retiring in 1982; and

4 WHEREAS, Mrs. Stevenson has also made generous contributions
5 to her community; an active member of the NAACP since 1952, she was
6 co-chair of the 1983 Freedom Fund Dinner and the Branch Voting
7 Rights Roundtable and a founding member of the Carver Community
8 Cultural Center Volunteers; she earned the 2008 Service Award from
9 Carver Volunteers, the 2007 African American Reflections Sojourner
10 Truth Advocacy Award, and the 1993 Top Ladies of Distinction
11 Volunteer Service Award for her selfless efforts; and

12 WHEREAS, Mrs. Stevenson was also honored with a Service Award
13 from Huston-Tillotson College, a St. Philip's College Presidential
14 Award for Service on the Centennial Celebration Committee, and a
15 Curry Award from the United Negro College Fund; in addition, she is
16 a conservator of the Schomburg Society for the Preservation of
17 Black Culture, a 2002 Inductee into the San Antonio Women's Hall of
18 Fame, and a recipient of a Headliner Award in the category of
19 education from the Association for Women in Communications; and

20 WHEREAS, Henrietta Stevenson has inspired countless people
21 with her unwavering commitment to serving others, and she is indeed
22 deserving of special recognition; now, therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
24 Legislature hereby congratulate Henrietta Eugene Roberts Stevenson
25 on being recognized as a Diamond Member by the Alpha Tau Omega
26 Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority and extend to her sincere best
27 wishes for the future; and, be it further

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