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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Lenora Carter of Houston has distinguished herself  
2 through her service to the community, and her leadership and  
3 generosity of spirit have earned her the heartfelt admiration of  
4 all who know her; and

5           WHEREAS, "Doll" Carter enlightens and informs her fellow  
6 residents through her notable work with the *Houston Forward Times*;  
7 the largest independently owned and published African American  
8 newspaper in the South, the *Times* was founded in 1960 by Mrs.  
9 Carter's husband, the late Julius Carter; she began her tenure at  
10 the paper as its general manager and advertising director, and her  
11 responsibilities expanded following her husband's passing in 1971;  
12 today, she serves as CEO, managing editor, and publisher of the  
13 paper; and

14           WHEREAS, Respected in her profession, Ms. Carter is a valued  
15 member of the Texas Press Association, and she has shared her  
16 expertise with the board of directors of Amalgamated Publishers and  
17 the National Newspaper Publishers Association, which she also  
18 served as secretary; and

19           WHEREAS, Ms. Carter has further worked to make a positive  
20 difference in her community through her efforts with the Greater  
21 Houston Partnership and Eta Phi Beta Sorority-XI Chapter, as well  
22 as with the board of directors of Riverside National Bank,  
23 Riverside General Hospital, the Eliza Johnson Home for the Aged,  
24 Society for the Performing Arts, Texas Independent Bank, UNCF, and

1 the YMCA; and

2 WHEREAS, This esteemed woman has earned many well-deserved  
3 honors, and her achievements include receipt of the NAACP Mickey  
4 Leland Humanitarian Award, the Toombs-Brown Award from  
5 Professional Black Women's Enterprise, Inc., the Pacesetters Award  
6 from the National Council of Negro Women, and the Ethel Ransom Art  
7 and Literary Outstanding Leadership award, to name but a few; and

8 WHEREAS, A native of Corrigan, Ms. Carter graduated from  
9 McNary High School in McNary, Arizona, and studied business  
10 administration at Arizona State University; she is the proud mother  
11 of two daughters, Constance Yvette and Karen Yvonne, and the  
12 beloved grandmother of Jesse, Chelsea, and Nykayla; and

13 WHEREAS, Those individuals who give generously of their time  
14 to help others are indeed deserving of our profound gratitude, and  
15 it is a pleasure to honor Lenora Carter, who has enriched the lives  
16 of countless people with her dedicated civic engagement; now,  
17 therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas  
19 Legislature hereby commend Lenora Carter for her many outstanding  
20 contributions to the betterment of her community and extend to her  
21 sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

22 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
23 prepared for Ms. Carter as an expression of high regard by the Texas  
24 House of Representatives.