

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Ida Belle Patton of Texarkana is commemorating a
2 special milestone in her life with the celebration of her 80th
3 birthday on June 5, 2009; and

4 WHEREAS, A native of Louisiana, Ida Crocker was the seventh
5 of 10 children born to Belton and Ellen Caldwell Crocker; she
6 graduated from Central High School in Jefferson and studied
7 education for two years at Bishop College in Marshall; and

8 WHEREAS, Ms. Crocker married Hollis Patton in 1950, and the
9 couple moved to Texarkana, where they raised two daughters, Sandra
10 and Sharon; Ms. Patton became a member of the Sunset Baptist Church
11 in the 1960s and, later in that decade, was employed by the Lone
12 Star Army Ammunition Plant; in the mid-1970s, she went on to work at
13 St. Michael's Hospital so that she could devote more time to caring
14 for her first grandchild, Cimberli; she was later promoted to
15 supervisor at St. Michael's and served in that capacity until her
16 retirement in 1995; and

17 WHEREAS, During the 1980s, Ms. Patton was an active member of
18 the Amicae Social Club and took part in a number of community
19 improvement projects; today, she devotes herself to cooking,
20 gardening, keeping up with basketball, baseball, and football
21 games, and caring for her home and her family, which has grown to
22 include a second grandchild, Garry; and

23 WHEREAS, Ida Patton has enriched the lives of her friends and
24 loved ones for eight decades, and she continues to bring joy and

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1 happiness to all who know her; now, therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
3 Legislature hereby honor Ida Belle Patton on the occasion of her
4 80th birthday and extend to her sincere best wishes for continued
5 happiness; and, be it further

6 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
7 prepared for Ms. Patton as an expression of high regard by the Texas
8 House of Representatives.

Davis of Dallas

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2745 was adopted by the House on May 27, 2009, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House