

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The untimely death of Rayzette Louisa Reed Howard in
2 April 2009, at the age of 41, has brought a tremendous loss to her
3 family and many friends; and

4 WHEREAS, The only child of Dr. Raymond Reed and Norma Reed,
5 the former Rayzette Reed was born in Dallas on October 25, 1967; she
6 graduated from Skyline High School and went on to earn a bachelor's
7 degree in communications from Texas Woman's University and a
8 master's degree in education from Amberton University, later
9 pursuing doctoral studies at Nova Southeastern University; and

10 WHEREAS, She was joined in marriage to the Reverend Donavan
11 C. Howard, and they enjoyed a rewarding life together that was
12 further enriched by their beloved children, Kevraye', Cadence,
13 Camryn, and Reed, as well as by their strong devotion to their
14 faith; Mrs. Howard was a talented gospel singer who shared her
15 musical gift with several groups of young people, and her beautiful
16 voice also inspired many when she sang as a member of the choir at
17 Saintsville Sanctuary Church of God in Christ; and

18 WHEREAS, Mrs. Howard was an active and valued member of her
19 community; an accomplished educator, she taught reading at
20 Northwest Harlee Elementary School, and she later served Dallas ISD
21 as an area advisory reading teacher and instructional reading
22 coach, working with the students of Birdie Alexander Elementary
23 School; in addition, she shared her time with the Alpha Xi Omega
24 Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority and had worked in the past for

1 State Representative Helen Giddings as her district office
2 director; and

3 WHEREAS, Although her journey on this earth ended far too
4 soon, Rayzette Howard will long be remembered with great tenderness
5 and affection by all those who were privileged to share in her life;
6 now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
8 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Rayzette Louisa
9 Reed Howard and extend sincere sympathy to the members of her
10 family: to her husband, the Reverend Donovan C. Howard; to her
11 children, Kevraye', Cadence, Camryn, and Reed; to her parents,
12 Dr. Raymond Reed and Norma Burleson Reed; and to her other loved
13 ones, including Daryn and Tyler Howard, Carolyn Howard, Petra and
14 James Spencer, Dr. Louis H. Reed, Jr., and Dr. Claudia Reed;
15 Dr. Donald R. Reed and Dana Reed, and S. A. Jordan Lacy; and, be it
16 further

17 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
18 prepared for her family and that when the Texas House of
19 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Rayzette
20 Louisa Reed Howard.

Giddings

H.R. No. 2953

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2953 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on June 1, 2009.

Chief Clerk of the House