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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Betty Dodson played an instrumental role in the
2 founding of Project Redirection, which has been a great benefit to
3 the El Paso community; and

4 WHEREAS, A lifelong advocate of education, Ms. Dodson
5 graduated from the University of South Dakota and went on to earn a
6 master's degree when she was in her 50s; she taught at Putnam
7 Elementary School, Morehead Middle School, and Coronado High
8 School, and her experiences home-schooling her children made her an
9 able director of the local Homebound Program; and

10 WHEREAS, When Ms. Dodson was asked by the El Paso Independent
11 School District to develop a program to teach school-age parents,
12 she set up Project Redirection with a grant from the Ford
13 Foundation; the program operated out of an old barracks near
14 Beaumont Army Medical Center before moving in 1984 to the Young
15 Women's Christian Association, where it has thrived ever since; and

16 WHEREAS, The recipient of many well-deserved accolades, this
17 visionary Texan was named Woman of the Year in Education by the El
18 Paso Women's Political Caucus, a Woman of Distinction by the
19 Soroptimist Club, and First Lady of El Paso by the El Paso Council
20 of Beta Sigma Phi, and she was inducted into the El Paso Women's
21 Hall of Fame; and

22 WHEREAS, Betty Dodson channeled a love for learning and a
23 passion for teaching into Project Redirection, and this program has
24 provided immeasurable benefit to countless El Paso teenagers and to

1 the community at large; now, therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
3 Legislature hereby honor the life of Betty Dodson for her crucial
4 role in founding Project Redirection and extend to all those
5 currently involved with the program sincere best wishes for
6 continued success.