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H.R. No. 187

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The life of an admired Irving educator drew to a  
2 close with the passing of Evelyn T. Clifton on April 28, 2011, at  
3 the age of 82; and

4           WHEREAS, Born on January 20, 1929, in Bessemer, Pennsylvania,  
5 Evelyn Clifton knew from an early age that she wanted to teach; she  
6 graduated from Bessemer High School and Slippery Rock State  
7 Teachers College, and she later continued her education at North  
8 Texas State University, earning a master's degree in elementary  
9 school supervision in 1966; and

10           WHEREAS, After beginning her career in education in New  
11 Castle, Pennsylvania, in 1951, Mrs. Clifton embarked on her long  
12 association with the Irving Independent School District three years  
13 later, initially serving as a second grade teacher at Schulze  
14 Elementary School; she went on to teach first grade at Barton  
15 Elementary for a decade and then returned to Schulze as one of the  
16 district's first kindergarten teachers; and

17           WHEREAS, Mrs. Clifton completed her tenure as a classroom  
18 teacher at John Haley Elementary in 1975 and that same year began  
19 her new role as an elementary consultant for the district; she  
20 remained in that position until 1986, when she became the principal  
21 at Brandenburg Elementary and was instrumental in the  
22 implementation of a bilingual program at the school; she retired in  
23 1994, and her 37 years of dedicated service to Irving ISD were  
24 recognized when the Evelyn T. Clifton Early Childhood School was

1 named in her honor; in addition to meeting the demands of her  
2 career, she was very active in the community and held memberships in  
3 a variety of worthwhile organizations; and

4 WHEREAS, Through her commitment to providing young people  
5 with a solid educational foundation, Evelyn Clifton made a positive  
6 difference in many lives, and all those who were privileged to spend  
7 time in her company will forever remember her with great admiration  
8 and affection; now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas  
10 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the memory  
11 of Evelyn T. Clifton and extend sincere condolences to the members  
12 of her family: to her daughter, Donna Thurman, and her husband,  
13 Dean; to her son, Clif Clifton, and his wife, Patti; to her  
14 grandsons, Brian Robinson and Craig Clifton; to her granddaughters,  
15 Britney Hamilton and her husband, Kyle, and Jennie Clifton; to her  
16 great-grandson, Grant Hamilton; and to her other relatives and  
17 friends; and, be it further

18 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
19 prepared for her family and that when the Texas House of  
20 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Evelyn T.  
21 Clifton.