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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A life rich in spiritual faith and meaningful
2 service to her fellow Texans drew to a close with the passing of
3 Angnet Marie Rice Norman of San Antonio on June 14, 2011, at the age
4 of 73; and

5 WHEREAS, The former Angnet Marie Rice was born on August 17,
6 1937, in San Antonio, the youngest of the three children of Mary
7 Louise Rice and Louis Earl Rice; she graduated from Phillis
8 Wheatley High School in 1955 and the following year married Maurice
9 Norman, Sr.; the couple became the parents of six children, Sylvia,
10 Maurice, Darryl, Michael, Alan, and Terryl, and enjoyed a rewarding
11 relationship until Mr. Norman passed away; and

12 WHEREAS, Mrs. Norman earned an associate's degree from St.
13 Philip's College and went on to graduate from Incarnate Word
14 College, becoming an honors student at both institutions; she then
15 embarked on a career as an educator and taught in the San Antonio
16 Independent School District for eight years; and

17 WHEREAS, A devout Christian since childhood, Mrs. Norman
18 accepted the call to minister to others in 1977, when she concluded
19 her teaching career to dedicate herself full-time to helping the
20 needy; that same year, she also began a radio program, *Testimonies*
21 *of God's Greatness*, broadcast on the KAPE and KMAC stations; and

22 WHEREAS, Over the following decades, this committed
23 spiritual leader became well-known for her tireless work and was
24 especially active in reaching out to individuals experiencing

1 poverty and homelessness; she operated her ministry from a series
2 of offices, which grew steadily larger as her efforts expanded, and
3 she pioneered various programs to provide those less fortunate with
4 meals, clothing, school supplies, and financial resources; and

5 WHEREAS, Sister Norman, as she was known to many San Antonio
6 residents, made a positive difference in countless lives, and her
7 generosity and selfless service to her community will remain a
8 source of inspiration for many years to come; 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 life of
11 Angnet Marie Rice Norman and extend sincere condolences to the
12 members of her family: to her children, Sylvia McDonald and her
13 husband, Floyd, Maurice Norman, Jr., Darryl Norman, Michael Norman,
14 and Alan Norman; to her grandchildren, Deana, Eric, Felicia, Ebony,
15 Raven, and Kelsea; to her brother, Robert E. Rice, and his wife,
16 Eunice; to her uncle, Elder Herbert Hardaway; and to her other
17 relatives and 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 Angnet
21 Norman.