

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1           WHEREAS, The State of Texas lost an admired public servant  
2 and civic leader with the death of former secretary of state Myra  
3 McDaniel of Austin on February 25, 2010, at the age of 77; and

4           WHEREAS, Born in Philadelphia on December 13, 1932, the  
5 former Myra Atwell was the daughter of Eva and Toronto Atwell; she  
6 attended the prestigious Philadelphia High School for Girls and  
7 earned her bachelor's degree in English from the University of  
8 Pennsylvania; after her marriage to Reuben McDaniel, she became the  
9 proud mother of two children, Diane and Reuben; and

10           WHEREAS, Mrs. McDaniel began her career as a management  
11 analyst and served in administrative positions at Baldwin Wallace  
12 College in Ohio and at Indiana University; in 1975, she completed  
13 her law degree at The University of Texas School of Law and she went  
14 on to work in the office of the Texas attorney general; she became  
15 chief of the taxation division in 1979 and then worked as counsel  
16 for the Railroad Commission before entering private practice in  
17 Midland; and

18           WHEREAS, In 1984, Governor Mark White appointed Mrs. McDaniel  
19 as his general counsel; she became the first African American  
20 secretary of state in Texas history two years later, and her  
21 intellect, integrity, and wisdom greatly benefited her fellow  
22 citizens; treating all those around her with thoughtfulness and  
23 respect, she won the loyalty of her staff and set a sterling example  
24 of leadership during her three-year tenure; and

1           WHEREAS, This esteemed woman continued to serve as a mentor  
2 and role model after returning to private practice, and in 1995, she  
3 became one of the first African American women to lead a major law  
4 firm, Bickerstaff, Heath, Smiley, Pollan, Kever and McDaniel, as  
5 managing partner; over the course of her distinguished legal  
6 career, she served as counsel for Austin Community College and  
7 Capital Metro, and she continued to work part-time for Bickerstaff  
8 Heath well into her seventies; and

9           WHEREAS, Deeply committed to her community, Mrs. McDaniel won  
10 numerous awards for her contributions; she served on the boards of  
11 St. Edward's University, Seton Hospital, the Episcopal Seminary of  
12 the Southwest, and many other organizations; a valued member of St.  
13 James Episcopal Church, she served as a senior warden and edited the  
14 church newsletter; more than a mere fan of the UT women's basketball  
15 team, she generously shared her time and expertise with young  
16 athletes, offering special encouragement over the years to those  
17 interested in pursuing law degrees; and

18           WHEREAS, Myra McDaniel inspired innumerable people through  
19 her remarkable achievements and unyielding dedication to public  
20 service, and her positive influence will continue to resonate in  
21 the myriad lives she touched in the years to come; now, therefore,  
22 be it

23           RESOLVED, That the 82nd Legislature of the State of Texas  
24 hereby pay special tribute to the memory of Myra McDaniel and extend  
25 sincere condolences to the members of her family: to her husband,  
26 Reuben R. McDaniel, Jr.; to her children, Diane Rhodes and Reuben  
27 McDaniel III; to her seven grandchildren and two

1 great-grandchildren; and to her many other relatives and friends;  
2 and, be it further

3       RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
4 prepared for her family and that when the Texas House of  
5 Representatives and Senate adjourn this day, they do so in memory of  
6 Myra McDaniel.

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Aliseda	Gonzalez	Munoz, Jr.
Allen	Gooden	Murphy
Alonzo	Guillen	Naishtat
Alvarado	Gutierrez	Nash
Anchia	Hamilton	Oliveira
Anderson of Dallas	Hancock	Orr
Anderson of McLennan	Hardcastle	Otto
Aycock	Harless	Parker
Beck	Harper-Brown	Patrick
Berman	Hartnett	Paxton
Bohac	Hernandez Luna	Pena
Bonnen	Hilderbran	Perry
Branch	Hochberg	Phillips
Brown	Hopson	Pickett
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Burnam	Howard of Travis	Price
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Coleman	King of Parker	Scott
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Elkins	Madden	Turner
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Flynn	Martinez	Walle
Frullo	Martinez Fischer	Weber
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Garza	Menendez	Woolley
Geren	Miles	Workman
Giddings	Miller of Comal	Zedler
Gonzales of Hidalgo	Miller of Erath	Zerwas

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 139 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on April 28, 2011.

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Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 139 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the Senate on May 9, 2011.

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Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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Governor