

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A life of service and meaningful accomplishments
2 drew to a close with the passing of Audrae Helen Adams of San
3 Antonio on November 23, 2009, at the age of 102; and

4 WHEREAS, The daughter of Federico and Alberta
5 Hudson-Tavares, the former Audrae Hudson-Tavares was born on
6 December 21, 1906, in Denver, Colorado; her family lived in Mexico
7 during the revolutionary years, and she spent her early childhood
8 in Guanajuato and Mexico City, where her father had business
9 interests; he later sent her to boarding school in Jamaica, his home
10 country, and she went on to graduate from Howard University and to
11 earn a master's degree in French from Columbia University; having
12 read of rare opportunities for educated African American women at
13 St. Philip's College, a new institution in San Antonio, she
14 successfully applied for a position teaching Spanish, English, and
15 religion and acting as secretary to the school's founder; and

16 WHEREAS, She joined the San Antonio Independent School
17 District in 1935 and married Bernard Adams, Jr., that same year;
18 balancing home life and her vocation, Mrs. Adams cared for her
19 husband and their two daughters, Sylvia and Hudson, while mentoring
20 countless students and imparting both knowledge of the Spanish
21 language and a true appreciation for Latin American culture; she
22 was a valued member of the faculty at Phillis Wheatley High School
23 for 25 years and taught at Douglass Junior High School and Louis W.
24 Fox Technical High School as well; in addition, she spent several

1 summers teaching at Prairie View A&M University and Wiley College;
2 and

3 WHEREAS, This dedicated educator's professional affiliations
4 included the Texas State Teachers Association, the American
5 Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese, and the Retired
6 Teachers Association; over the course of her career, she received
7 numerous accolades, among them the Model Community Language Arts
8 Award; and

9 WHEREAS, After retiring in 1972, Mrs. Adams devoted herself
10 to her church and her community; an elder in Holy Redeemer Catholic
11 Church, she served as a lector and was a member of the Ladies
12 Sodality and the Christian Service Committee; she gave generously
13 of her time and talent as a volunteer for the Christian Assistance
14 Ministry and served as a lay minister at area nursing homes; her
15 selfless efforts were honored with the Archbishop Francis J. Furey
16 Award; moreover, she was a charter member of the San Antonio chapter
17 of Jack and Jill of America, Inc.; and

18 WHEREAS, Mrs. Adams enjoyed more than eight decades of
19 fellowship as a member of the Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority and
20 enthusiastically supported the benevolent programs of its Alpha Tau
21 Omega chapter; in 2002, she achieved diamond status in Alpha Kappa
22 Alpha, in recognition of her 75 years of service; she was also a
23 member of the Alpha Wives, a charitable auxiliary to her husband's
24 fraternity, Alpha Phi Alpha; and

25 WHEREAS, A remarkable role model, Audrae Adams met life's
26 challenges with grace and good humor, and she left a lasting imprint
27 on the world through her love of learning and her compassion for

1 others; although she is deeply missed, those who were privileged to
2 know her will forever remember her with the deepest admiration and
3 affection; now, therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
5 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Audrae Helen Adams
6 and extend sincere condolences to her loved ones: to her daughters,
7 Sylvia Wade and Hudson Tavares; to her grandchildren, Dr. Monica
8 Howard and Albert Wade; to her great-grandchildren, Erin Martin,
9 Dominique Howard, Michael Benson and his wife, Christina, and
10 Abidjan Bright; to her nieces, Josefina Echanove and Stephanie
11 Cadet; to her great-nieces, Peggy Echanove and Marisol Echanove,
12 and her great-nephew, Alonso Echanove and his wife, Marisela; to
13 her close friends, Esperanza Garcia, Consuelo Cantu, Loraina
14 O'Neill, and Dolores and Jesse Galdeano; and to her many other
15 friends and relatives; and, be it further

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

McClendon

H.R. No. 348

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 348 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on February 24, 2011.

Chief Clerk of the House