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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.