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H.R. No. 353

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Family and friends will long cherish their memories
2 of Beverly Ann Johnson Dudley of San Antonio, who died on November
3 5, 2010, at the age of 73; and

4 WHEREAS, Beverly Ann Johnson was born in San Antonio on
5 October 1, 1937, to Ernest and Armenta Johnson; a confident and
6 energetic child, she learned much from her mother, her Aunt Cara,
7 and her grandmother; she learned to play the piano at the age of
8 seven, performing often for family and friends; she was a graduate
9 of Phillis Wheatley High School, where she was named homecoming
10 queen for the 1954-1955 school year; and

11 WHEREAS, After earning her bachelor's degree in psychology
12 from Fisk University in Tennessee in 1959, Ms. Johnson returned to
13 San Antonio and took a job as a receptionist at Riley Middle School;
14 she went on to become the first white-collar African American
15 employee at Southwestern Bell, and she later worked for a time at
16 Columbia Records in New York; and

17 WHEREAS, In 1964, she returned again to San Antonio to marry
18 Calvin Dudley, forging a fulfilling relationship that endured until
19 her death; together they were blessed with three children, Trena
20 Robinson, E. Warren Dudley, and Lura Dudley, as well as two
21 grandchildren, Bria and James; and

22 WHEREAS, Mrs. Dudley was deeply committed to her community,
23 serving as cofounder of the Black Pearls Literary Society and as
24 president of the Van Courtlandt Auxiliary and the Gold and Silver

1 Believers Investment Club; she was a member of the boards of the
2 YWCA and the San Antonio River Walk, and she was also active with
3 the League of Women Voters, the Ecumenical Center for Religion and
4 Health, and the Alpha Tau Omega chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha
5 Sorority; and

6 WHEREAS, A woman of strong religious conviction, Mrs. Dudley
7 was a lifelong member of Mount Zion First Baptist Church in San
8 Antonio, and she shared her faith with others as a discussion leader
9 with Bible Study Fellowship International; and

10 WHEREAS, Beverly Ann Dudley lived a rich and purposeful life
11 dedicated to her family, her faith, and her community, and her
12 record of compassion and devotion will continue to inspire all
13 those who knew and loved her; now, therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
15 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Beverly Ann Johnson
16 Dudley and extend sincere condolences to the members of her family:
17 to her husband, Calvin Dudley; to her children, Trena Robinson and
18 her husband, James, E. Warren Dudley, and Lura Dudley; to her
19 grandchildren, Bria Monet Robinson and James Cody Robinson; to her
20 cousins, Olivia Banks, Nettie Bellinger, Eleanor Cook, Barbara
21 Hodges, Exetta Mitchell, and Mary Louise Alston Williams; to her
22 nephews, Ward White III and Kenneth E. Nelson; and to her other
23 relatives and friends; and, be it further

24 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
25 prepared for her family and that when the Texas House of
26 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Beverly
27 Dudley.