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H.R. No. 354

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A full and generous life drew to a close with the
2 passing of Minnie Christinia Jones of San Antonio on August 7, 2010,
3 at the age of 100; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in Luling on May 9, 1910, the former Minnie
5 Christinia was the daughter of John and Idella Christinia; she
6 moved to San Antonio with her family in 1918 and finished the eighth
7 grade at the Douglass School; in 1924, she married Lehman Thompson,
8 and they later became the parents of two daughters, Clarice and
9 Annie Lee; after marrying Isiah Jones, she became the mother of
10 another daughter, Sharron; and

11 WHEREAS, This intrepid Texan began working as a dishwasher at
12 the age of 12 or 13, although her small stature required her to
13 stand on a box; she then earned her living as a maid in private homes
14 and at retail establishments and bought her first home by the time
15 she was 21; ever determined to better herself, Mrs. Jones sought a
16 job at Kelly Air Force Base when women became eligible for civil
17 service positions there; she was employed at the base for nearly
18 three decades before her retirement; and

19 WHEREAS, A devoted mother, Mrs. Jones always made time for
20 her children and their friends; she prepared a large and lavish
21 dinner every week after church, while flawlessly dressed in her
22 Sunday best; for more than 75 years, she was a valued member of
23 Mount Zion First Baptist Church, where she set an inspiring example
24 of faith and compassion for others; she also maintained a high

1 standard of style in her attire, continuing to wear high heels even
2 after she was obliged to make use of a walker; and

3 WHEREAS, Minnie Jones overcame life's challenges with grace
4 and steadfast resolve, and she touched many hearts through her
5 kindness; those who were privileged to know her will forever
6 remember her with deep admiration; now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
8 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Minnie Christinia
9 Jones and extend sincere condolences to the members of her family:
10 to her daughters, Clarice Jackson, Annie Lee Thompson, and Sharron
11 White; to her four grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren; and
12 to her many other relatives and friends; and, be it further

13 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
14 prepared for her family and that when the Texas House of
15 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Minnie
16 Jones.