

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Family and friends are mourning the loss of Sondra  
2 Dailey of El Paso, who passed away on February 27, 2011, at the age  
3 of 66; and

4           WHEREAS, Born on December 29, 1944, to Dr. Gilbert Banfield  
5 and Marion Martin Banfield, the former Sondra Elise Banfield grew  
6 up in Baltimore; she earned a bachelor's degree in psychology and a  
7 master's degree in education from Howard University in Washington,  
8 D.C., and an MBA from the University of Baltimore; and

9           WHEREAS, Ms. Dailey worked as a management consultant and as  
10 a counselor at a private school in Baltimore, where she also taught  
11 ethnic dance, sewing, and knitting; she researched and wrote  
12 history curriculum materials for elementary-age students, and she  
13 owned and operated an interior design firm for several years; in  
14 addition, she created and presented liturgical dances at churches  
15 and prison facilities and was the director of a dance ministry  
16 program; and

17           WHEREAS, She reconnected with her high school sweetheart, Dr.  
18 Maceo Crenshaw Dailey, Jr., at a class reunion, and the couple  
19 married in 2003; she joined her husband in El Paso, and together  
20 they founded Sweet Earth Flying Press and published *Boy of the*  
21 *Border*, a children's book by Langston Hughes and Arna Bontemps  
22 never previously made available to the public; Ms. Dailey wrote and  
23 produced dramatic works and taught courses in writing, modern and  
24 ethnic dance, and drama in the Ysleta Independent School District;

1 in addition, she established a business through which she sold the  
2 hand-knitted clothing and accessories she created; and

3 WHEREAS, Active in her community, Ms. Dailey served on the  
4 boards of Kids Excel El Paso, a nonprofit arts initiative that  
5 brings dance into public schools, and the FEMAP Foundation, which  
6 focuses on health, economic development, and education among  
7 marginalized populations, and she served as chair of the FEMAP  
8 annual fund-raiser; she offered knitting classes at a local women's  
9 shelter and she was the cofounder of the Sandbox Empowerment Group,  
10 which counseled women victims of abuse and provided them with  
11 professional training; and

12 WHEREAS, In all of her endeavors, Ms. Dailey enjoyed the love  
13 and support of her husband, as well as her two sons, Jason and  
14 Garth; and

15 WHEREAS, Committed to opening the doors of opportunity for  
16 others, Sondra Dailey will be deeply missed, but the grace,  
17 creativity, and optimism with which she lived her life will forever  
18 inspire all who had the good fortune to know her; now, therefore, be  
19 it

20 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas  
21 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Sondra Dailey and  
22 extend sincere sympathy to the members of her family: to her  
23 husband, Dr. Maceo Crenshaw Dailey, Jr.; to her sons, Jason and  
24 Garth Timoll; to her siblings, Gilbert Leslie Banfield, Jr., Karen  
25 Evans, and Adrienne Banfield-Jones; to her daughter-in-law,  
26 Phyllis Timoll; to her nieces and nephews, Jada, Tiffany, Brett,  
27 Whitney, and Trey; and to her other relatives and many friends; and,

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1 be it further

2           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
3 prepared for her family and that when the Texas House of  
4 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Sondra  
5 Dailey.

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Marquez  
Gonzalez

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 925 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on April 7, 2011.

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Chief Clerk of the House