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H.R. No. 925

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,

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.