

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Family and friends are mourning the loss of Paula  
2 Dare Roberts Baker, who passed away on March 12, 2011; and

3           WHEREAS, Born in Red Bird, Oklahoma, to William Dee Roberts  
4 and Hattie Virginia Burns Roberts on August 17, 1926, Paula Roberts  
5 studied at Huston-Tillotson University and earned degrees from West  
6 Virginia State University, the University of North Texas, and Texas  
7 Woman's University; she went on to have a career as an elementary  
8 school teacher and speech therapist in the Fort Worth Independent  
9 School District that spanned more than three decades, and she was  
10 also a librarian for Tarrant County College and later worked as a  
11 bookkeeper and board secretary-treasurer for a funeral home; and

12           WHEREAS, Ms. Baker shared her time and talents as a member of  
13 the board of directors of Child Protective Services of Tarrant  
14 County, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., the Progressive Literary  
15 and Art Club, the Bunche-Ellington Club, and the Historic Carver  
16 Heights Neighborhood Association; and

17           WHEREAS, Devoted to her faith, Ms. Baker was an active member  
18 of the Baker Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church, serving as  
19 a trustee, a teacher in the church school, and a member of the  
20 Daughters of Baker, the Corine Griffin Women's Missionary Society,  
21 and the noonday prayer and Bible study groups, as well as holding a  
22 seat on the Christian education commission; and

23           WHEREAS, An advocate for children throughout her life, Paula  
24 Baker was a kind, generous, and loving woman who will forever be

1 remembered with deep affection by all who held her close to their  
2 hearts; now, therefore, be it

3           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas  
4 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Paula Dare Roberts  
5 Baker and extend sincere sympathy to the members of her family: to  
6 her son, James Nathan Charles Baker; to her daughter, Janice  
7 Annette Baker Offutt and her husband, Gerald; to her special  
8 daughter, Jacquelyn Meeks; to her special sister, Catherine  
9 Christian; and to her many other relatives and friends; and, be it  
10 further

11           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
12 prepared for her family and that when the Texas House of  
13 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Paula Dare  
14 Roberts Baker.

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H.R. No. 953

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 953 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on April 7, 2011.

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Chief Clerk of the House