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H.R. No. 2024

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Marjorie Banks Ammons of Houston passed away on
2 April 16, 2011, at the age of 87, leaving her circle of family and
3 friends to cherish their many happy memories of time spent in her
4 company; and

5 WHEREAS, Born in Houston on July 27, 1923, to Clifton and
6 Lillie Belle Banks, the former Marjorie Ailene Banks attended
7 Gregory Elementary School and Phillis Wheatley High School, from
8 which she graduated in 1940; she earned a bachelor's degree in home
9 economics from Prairie View College in 1944 and studied early
10 childhood education at Iowa State University; afterward, she
11 returned to Houston to begin teaching with the early childhood
12 development program at Hester House in the Fifth Ward; and

13 WHEREAS, In 1948, Mrs. Ammons joined the Houston Independent
14 School District as a teacher with Grant Park Elementary; during her
15 career she also served on the staff at Dogan, Burrus, Rhoads, and
16 Law Elementary, and she was one of the first teachers in Houston to
17 work with the Head Start program; she remained with HISD until her
18 retirement in 1984; and

19 WHEREAS, Devoted to her faith, Mrs. Ammons was a valued
20 member of Trinity United Methodist Church, where she had worshipped
21 since she was a child; she was active in her community and
22 volunteered with a number of clubs and organizations, including the
23 Phillis Wheatley Alumni Golden Nuggets, the Prairie View College
24 Alumni Class of 1944, the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Jack and Jill

1 of America, the Blue Triangle Garden Club, the Harris County
2 Retired Teachers Association, and the Winsomnette Social Club; and

3 WHEREAS, Marjorie Banks exchanged wedding vows with Benjamin
4 Ammons on April 23, 1948, and they shared a rewarding marriage that
5 spanned 63 years; the couple became the proud parents of two sons,
6 Clifton and Benjamin; and

7 WHEREAS, Known for her warm smile and loving spirit, Marjorie
8 Ammons lived a rich and purposeful life, and those who were
9 privileged to share in her love and friendship will forever hold her
10 close in their hearts; now, therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
12 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Marjorie Banks
13 Ammons and extend sincere condolences to the members of her family:
14 to her husband, Benjamin Ammons; to her sons, Clifton Ammons and
15 Benjamin Ammons II; to her grandson, Clifton Ammons III; to her
16 stepdaughter, Sheila Gautreaux; to her step-grandchildren, Stephen
17 Fleming, Sian Thioune, and Shawn Brown; to her
18 step-great-grandchildren, Keiphen Fleming, Joseph Fleming, Mamadou
19 Thioune, and Shelby Brown; and to her other relatives and friends;
20 and, be it further

21 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
22 prepared for her family and that when the Texas House of
23 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Marjorie
24 Ammons.