

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A life made rich through family, faith, and service
2 to others drew to a close with the passing of Merline Clack Johnson
3 on May 9, 2011, at the age of 69; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in Seguin to Herff and Callie Clack on March 15,
5 1942, Merline Clack graduated from Ball High School in Seguin in
6 1960; a year later, she met and married Prince Albert Johnson of
7 Detroit, who was serving in the United States Air Force and was
8 stationed at Randolph Air Force Base; the couple were blessed with
9 four sons, Quinton, Andre, Reginald, and Marcel; and

10 WHEREAS, After Mr. Johnson's honorable discharge, the family
11 relocated to Detroit, where Mrs. Johnson became a licensed
12 practical nurse; she began her nursing career in 1976 at Henry Ford
13 Hospital, where she was on the staff of the general practice
14 neurological-neurosurgical patient care unit for 10 years;
15 throughout her tenure at the facility, she was commended for her
16 exceptional service, patient care, and professionalism by both her
17 nursing supervisors and the neuroscience clinical instructors; and

18 WHEREAS, In 1986, Mrs. Johnson returned to Texas, moving to
19 San Antonio to be closer to her family and to help care for her aging
20 parents; she was employed in the medical center at Methodist
21 Hospital for 12 years before retiring, though she occasionally
22 worked as a private duty and part-time nurse for the remainder of
23 her life; and

24 WHEREAS, Through the years, Mrs. Johnson was an active member

1 of several different church congregations; she first belonged to
2 Unity Baptist Church in Seguin and served as its church secretary;
3 she later joined Third New Hope Baptist Church in Detroit, the
4 Resurrection Baptist Church in Schertz, and, most recently, the
5 Bethlehem Baptist Church in Mansfield; her cheerfulness, patience,
6 and kind and gentle nature made her ideally suited to participate in
7 the ushers and nurses ministry, and she did so for more than 25
8 years; and

9 WHEREAS, While the death of Merline Johnson has brought great
10 sorrow to her family and friends, she leaves behind a legacy that
11 will long be treasured by all who had the good fortune to know her;
12 now, therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
14 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Merline Clack Johnson
15 and extend sincere condolences to the members of her family: to her
16 sons, Quinton Paul Johnson and his wife, Ina, Reginald DeWayne
17 Johnson and his wife, Merlinda, Andre Johnson, and Marcel Lamont
18 Johnson and his wife, Angela; to her grandchildren, Reginald,
19 Andrea, Gina, Kayla, and Nicholas; to her sisters, Frances
20 McClinton, Lena Thomas and her husband, Julius, and Dorothy
21 Williams and her husband, Lester; to her brother, Connie Clack, and
22 his wife, Stella; and to her other relatives and friends; and, be it
23 further

24 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
25 prepared for her family and that when the Texas House of
26 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Merline
27 Johnson.

McClendon

H.R. No. 2426

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2426 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on May 30, 2011.

Chief Clerk of the House