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H.R. No. 138

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A life made rich through meaningful service drew to
2 a close when Cora Brown of Lamesa passed away on December 14, 2014,
3 at the age of 64; and

4 WHEREAS, The former Cora Ivory was born on June 14, 1950, in
5 Plainview to Henry and Willie Mae Ivory; the family moved to
6 Quitaque, and she graduated from Silverton High School before going
7 on to receive a degree in criminal justice from Wayland Baptist
8 University; she further pursued her education at Sam Houston State
9 University, where she graduated in the inaugural class of the Bill
10 Blackwood Law Enforcement Management Institute of Texas; and

11 WHEREAS, In October 1974, Ms. Brown became the first woman to
12 be sworn in as an officer of the Plainview Police Department; she
13 was also the first female officer hired by the Lamesa Police
14 Department, and from August 1975 to January 1986, she served as a
15 juvenile officer and investigator; she then worked as a criminal
16 investigator and victim's witness coordinator for the 106th
17 Judicial District Attorney's Office until December 1996; for the
18 past 17 years, she had worked as the director of the Dawson County
19 Senior Center; and

20 WHEREAS, In addition to her outstanding career in law
21 enforcement, Ms. Brown dedicated a great deal of time and energy to
22 volunteer work; she served for 27 years as a member and a president
23 of the Lamesa Independent School District board, and she was active
24 with many other groups, including the local Dawson County United

1 Way, the Lamesa Boys and Girls Club, and West Texas Opportunities,
2 Inc.; for the past 15 years, she had also served as pastor of Mount
3 Olive Baptist Church in Lamesa; and

4 WHEREAS, Ms. Brown and her husband, Charlie, enjoyed a
5 rewarding marriage of nearly four decades, and they became the
6 proud parents of four children, Geoffrey, Ebony, Pamela, and Joe;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, Devoted to her family and community, Cora Brown will
9 be deeply missed, and her leadership, strength of character, and
10 generosity of spirit will forever inspire all those who had the good
11 fortune to know her; now, therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
13 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Cora Brown and
14 extend sincere sympathy to the members of her family: to her
15 husband, Charlie Brown; to her daughters, Ebony Benton and her
16 husband, Al, and Pamela McDonald; to her son, Joe Williams; to her
17 granddaughter, Elizabeth Newsome; to her six grandchildren and her
18 three great-grandchildren; to her sisters, Ella Oliver, Nellie
19 Polley and her husband, Oliver Roberts, Kathryn Davis and her
20 husband, Charles, Henrietta Scoggins and her husband, Finis, and
21 Dixie Carol Clark and her husband, Jerry; to her brothers, Joshua
22 Ivory, Billy Ivory and his wife, Linda, Phineas L. Ivory and his
23 wife, Marguerite, and Clarence E. Ivory; and to her other relatives
24 and many friends; and, be it further

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