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H.R. No. 273

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Family and friends are mourning the loss and
2 celebrating the life of Ruby Mae Turner of Houston, who passed away
3 on December 21, 2014, at the age of 90; and

4 WHEREAS, A native of Washington County, Mrs. Turner was born
5 on August 12, 1924; she was joined in matrimony to Eddie Turner, and
6 in 1954, she and her husband bought a house in the Garden City Park
7 area of the Acres Homes community; the couple became the parents of
8 nine treasured children, and they shared a fulfilling marriage
9 until Mr. Turner's untimely passing in 1968; and

10 WHEREAS, Mrs. Turner worked for many years at the Rice Hotel
11 in downtown Houston; although she never learned to drive, she
12 always found a way to get her sons and daughters where they needed
13 to go, and she absolutely insisted on paying any friend who might
14 offer a ride; she was completely dedicated to her children and
15 ensured that all their needs were met; and

16 WHEREAS, After moving to Houston, Mrs. Turner worshipped at
17 Magnolia Missionary Baptist Church and then at New Bethel
18 Missionary Baptist Church before joining Mt. Ararat Missionary
19 Baptist Church; she continued to live in her beloved house on
20 Stallings Drive, and even when it was being renovated, she firmly
21 refused to move out, so the contractors were obliged to complete the
22 project in stages; two of her sons resided with her, and she served
23 as their legal guardian and handled all of their medical and
24 financial matters until her health began to decline; when her

1 memory faded, she still liked to join in singing her favorite song,
2 "This Little Light of Mine," and her children ensured that she could
3 remain in her home, which was ever her refuge and the gathering
4 place for her cherished family; and

5 WHEREAS, Ruby Turner inspired others through her fierce
6 independence and her deep devotion to her family and faith, and she
7 will forever hold a special place in the hearts of all who were
8 fortunate enough to know her; now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
10 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Ruby Mae Turner and
11 extend sincere condolences to the members of her family: to her
12 children, Pearlie Marie Tyrone, Leon "Mike" Turner and his wife,
13 Linda, Alfred "Charles" Turner, Patricia Turner, Clifford Turner,
14 State Representative Sylvester Turner, Robert Turner, Jacqueline
15 Turner, and Donald Ray Turner; to her stepchildren, Madie Thompson
16 and Everett Turner; to her grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and
17 great-great-grandchildren; and to her many other relatives and
18 friends; and, be it further

19 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
20 prepared for her family and that when the Texas House of
21 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Ruby Mae
22 Turner.