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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Friends, family, and the community of Fort Worth are  
2 deeply saddened by the passing of local trailblazer Walter Beatrice  
3 Campbell Barbour on Sunday February 1, 2015, at the age of 93; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in Fort Worth, Walter B., as she was  
5 affectionately known, attended the then-segregated I.M. Terrell  
6 High School; After graduating in 1937, she went on to receive her  
7 Bachelor's degree from Prairie View A&M University followed by a  
8 Master's degree from Georgia's Atlanta University; and

9 WHEREAS, Walter B. returned to her hometown and in 1977 was  
10 the first African American woman to be elected to the Fort Worth  
11 City Council, a position she held until 1979; and

12 WHEREAS, During her tenure as a city council member, she  
13 advocated for a health care clinic in the Stop Six area, and in  
14 1994, the Stop Six/Walter B. Barbour Health Center was constructed  
15 in honor of her dedication to medical research in the community; She  
16 is also known for bringing \$6 million in street improvements to her  
17 district while a council member; Barbour also served as a tireless  
18 advocate for low-income children in Fort Worth, promoting  
19 recreational facilities and summer food programs; She is also known  
20 for bringing the first fire department to the Stop Six community;  
21 and

22 WHEREAS, Barbour spent the part of her career supporting the  
23 community's youth by working as a guidance counselor at Eastern  
24 Hills High School, and in 1989 she was appointed as justice of the

1 peace for Precinct 8; and

2 WHEREAS, she received the 41st annual Brotherhood/Sisterhood  
3 Citation from the National Conference of Christians and Jews as  
4 well as the Newsmaker of the Year award from the Fort Worth Press  
5 Club; Walter B. was an advocate and an inspiration to countless  
6 individuals in the Fort Worth Community and beyond; now, therefore,  
7 be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas  
9 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Walter Beatrice  
10 Campbell Barbour and celebrate her remarkable life and legacy; and,  
11 be it further

12 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
13 prepared for her family and that when the Texas House of  
14 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in the memory of Walter  
15 Beatrice Campbell Barbour.