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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A full and generous life drew to a close with the  
2 passing of Cecil Earnestine Anderson of Dallas on February 15,  
3 2015, at the age of 106; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in 1908 in Cameron, Cecil Anderson attended  
5 Paul Quinn College after high school, completed her bachelor's  
6 degree at Huston-Tillotson College, received her master's degree  
7 from Prairie View A&M University, and pursued postgraduate studies  
8 at Texas A&M University; in 2013 she was awarded an honorary  
9 doctorate of humane letters by Paul Quinn College and was  
10 recognized as the school's oldest living graduate; and

11 WHEREAS, Mrs. Anderson enjoyed a long and rewarding career in  
12 education, teaching in the Cameron Independent School District for  
13 more than four decades until her retirement in 1975; upon leaving  
14 the classroom, Mrs. Anderson moved to the Dallas area and became  
15 actively involved with a number of worthwhile community  
16 organizations; she was a longtime precinct chair in South Dallas,  
17 and she frequently volunteered her time and talents to the March of  
18 Dimes and the Boy Scouts of America; and

19 WHEREAS, A lifelong member of the African Methodist Episcopal  
20 Church, Mrs. Anderson was a valued congregant at Smith Chapel AME  
21 Church in Dallas for many years; she held a number of important  
22 leadership roles within the church, including steward, missionary,  
23 and Sunday school and Vacation Bible School teacher; in her leisure  
24 time, she took great pleasure in traveling, cooking, and visiting

1 with family and friends; and

2 WHEREAS, Mrs. Anderson was blessed with the love and support  
3 of her husband, the late Luther Anderson, and she was the proud  
4 mother of two children, Jacqueline and Kelly; with the passing  
5 years, she experienced the joy of seeing her family grow to include  
6 three additional generations; and

7 WHEREAS, A source of wisdom and inspiration, Cecil Anderson  
8 made a positive difference in the lives of innumerable people as an  
9 educator, civic leader, and role model, and all those who were  
10 fortunate enough to know her will forever treasure their memories  
11 of her kindness and devotion; now, therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas  
13 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Cecil Earnestine  
14 Anderson and extend sincere condolences to her many loved ones;  
15 and, be it further

16 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
17 prepared for her family and that when the Texas House of  
18 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Cecil  
19 Anderson.