

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 Ruth Fort Baker of Houston passed away on January 4,  
3 2015, at the age of 85; and

4           WHEREAS, The daughter of Dr. and Mrs. E. S. Hutcherson, Ruth  
5 Hutcherson was born November 12, 1929; after earning her education  
6 degree from Baylor University in 1950, she taught kindergarteners  
7 at Second Baptist and River Oaks Baptist Schools in Houston, and she  
8 subsequently served on the faculty at schools in Garland, Waco, and  
9 Orange County, California; she later worked as an executive  
10 assistant at The University of Texas at Dallas; and

11           WHEREAS, In addition to those professional endeavors,  
12 Mrs. Baker played an active role in the life of her church; while a  
13 congregant and member of the staff at First Baptist Church of  
14 Dallas, she organized the women's ministry and served as a Chapel  
15 Choir sponsor; she later affiliated with Plymouth Park Baptist  
16 Church in Irving, where she again established a women's ministry  
17 and where she directed the young married division; and

18           WHEREAS, Mrs. Baker was joined in matrimony to David L. Fort  
19 in 1950, and they became the parents of two children, Kristen and  
20 David; Mr. Fort passed away in 1975, and in 1984, Ruth Hutcherson  
21 Fort married the Reverend Bo Baker; during a marriage that spanned  
22 26 years, she assisted her husband in his pastorate at Plymouth Park  
23 Baptist and later served with him as a missionary in Germany and  
24 Argentina; and

1           WHEREAS, Deeply dedicated to her family and to her faith,  
2 Ruth Fort Baker led a life that was rich in purpose, and those who  
3 were blessed to share in her love and affection will forever hold  
4 her close in their hearts; now, therefore, be it

5           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas  
6 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Ruth Fort Baker and  
7 extend sincere condolences to the members of her family: to her  
8 daughter, Kristen Ruth Moore, and her husband, Gary; to her son,  
9 David Stephen Fort, and his wife, Jamie; to her grandchildren,  
10 Joshua Moore, Ashlea Moore Taylor, Zachary, Conner, Jessica, and  
11 Lynnson Fort, Jake Abel, and Jonathon and Stephen Baker; to her  
12 great-grandchildren, Baxter and Simon Moore and Lillian and Pearl  
13 Taylor; and to her other relatives and friends; and, be it further

14           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
15 prepared for her family and that when the Texas House of  
16 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Ruth Fort  
17 Baker.

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H.R. No. 2307

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2307 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on May 21, 2015.

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Chief Clerk of the House