

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The Honorable Senfronia Thompson has received the  
2 2017 Family Champion Award by the Texas Council on Family  
3 Relations; and

4           WHEREAS, Representative Thompson is the longest-serving  
5 woman and the longest-serving African American in the history of  
6 the Texas Legislature; since 1973, when she began representing  
7 House District 141, she has succeeded in securing the passage of a  
8 host of bills benefiting Texas families; she is the author of the  
9 state's first alimony law, its current minimum wage law, and the  
10 contraceptive parity law; in addition, she helped pass legislation  
11 creating the Sexual Assault Program Fund and other reforms designed  
12 to protect women and children against domestic violence; she  
13 sponsored the National Domestic Violence Hotline and fought to end  
14 gender discrimination in the workplace; and

15           WHEREAS, Deeply committed to the security of our youngest  
16 residents, Representative Thompson was instrumental in major  
17 reforms in child support enforcement, among them the Uniform  
18 Interstate Family Support Act and the Uniform Child Custody and  
19 Jurisdiction Enforcement Act; moreover, she simplified probate  
20 proceedings by authoring the Durable Power of Attorney Act, and she  
21 worked to overhaul statutes dealing with statutory county courts  
22 and municipal courts; she also helped pass legislation requiring  
23 free testing for the human papillomavirus, an early indicator of  
24 cervical cancer; in the 84th legislative session alone, her many

1 achievements included the passage of her bill, H.B. 2630, which  
2 prioritizes evidence-based parent education, and of three bills  
3 aimed at preventing human trafficking; and

4 WHEREAS, Representative Thompson is the recipient of myriad  
5 accolades; she was selected as an Eleanor Roosevelt Fellow by the  
6 Center for Public Policy Alternatives, and she has been named one of  
7 the state's top legislators by numerous media outlets, among them  
8 *Texas Monthly*, the Associated Press, and the *Nation* magazine; in  
9 2011, she was accorded the Legislator of the Year Award by the Texas  
10 Family Law Foundation; and

11 WHEREAS, Through her unyielding dedication to the most  
12 vulnerable members of society, Representative Thompson has  
13 improved the lives of countless Texans, and she is most deserving of  
14 this significant honor; now, therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas  
16 Legislature hereby congratulate Senfronia Thompson on her receipt  
17 of the 2017 Family Champion Award from the Texas Council on Family  
18 Relations and that she be commended for her work in behalf of Texas  
19 families; and, be it further

20 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
21 prepared for Representative Thompson as an expression of high  
22 regard by the Texas House of Representatives.

Romero, Jr.

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H.R. No. 917

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 917 was adopted by the House on March 16, 2017, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House