

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, An exemplary life devoted to family, faith, and
2 public service came to an untimely end with the passing of Margaret
3 Merle Roberts of Houston on January 4, 2017, at the age of 46; and

4 WHEREAS, Born on March 21, 1970, to Charlie and Allegro
5 Scott, the former Margaret Scott was the youngest of eight
6 children; growing up in the Riverwood Estates community, she
7 attended schools in the North Forest Independent School District
8 and graduated in 1988 from M. B. Smiley High School, where she was a
9 member of the Eagles marching band and a majorette; she continued
10 her education at Texas Southern University and the University of
11 Houston-Clear Lake; and

12 WHEREAS, Ms. Roberts was employed as a bank teller and banker
13 before taking a job as a correctional officer with the Texas
14 Department of Corrections; in April 1994, she began a career with
15 the Houston Fire Department that would go on to span 22 years; she
16 loved her work and the opportunity that it gave her to protect the
17 public and serve alongside her fellow first responders, and she
18 further contributed to her profession as an active member of the
19 Houston Professional Fire Fighters Association IAFF Local No. 341
20 and the Houston Black Fire Fighters Association and as a teacher at
21 the Houston Community College Robert Garner Firefighter Academy;
22 and

23 WHEREAS, This remarkable woman treasured her family above all
24 else, taking great pride in her three children, Dominique, Daniel,

1 and Crystal, as well as her stepdaughter, Jerlisa, her two
2 grandsons, Julian and Kareem, and her stepgrandson, Reginald; she
3 enjoyed a fulfilling relationship with Daniel Jerome Roberts II,
4 whom she married in 1998; and

5 WHEREAS, A successful entrepreneur, Ms. Roberts pursued a
6 number of business ventures, including the trucking company that
7 she and her husband owned, Like Magic Transportation; she also
8 worked as a licensed real estate and loan officer, and she had a
9 passion for Harley-Davidson motorcycles; a woman who drew on her
10 faith for guidance and inspiration, she was a valued member of
11 St. Luke Missionary Baptist Church in Humble; and

12 WHEREAS, Although her death has brought great sorrow to her
13 family and friends, Margaret Roberts touched many lives during her
14 time on this earth, and all those who shared in the warmth of her
15 affection will forever hold her close in their hearts; now,
16 therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
18 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Margaret Merle
19 Roberts and extend deepest condolences to all those who mourn her
20 passing; and, be it further

21 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
22 prepared for her family and that when the Texas House of
23 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Margaret
24 Roberts.

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H.R. No. 945

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 945 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on March 30, 2017.

Chief Clerk of the House