

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Dorothy L. Stoker-Starks of Dallas passed away on  
2 February 15, 2019, drawing to a close a life that was made rich  
3 through meaningful service to others; and

4           WHEREAS, A native of Harleton, Mrs. Starks enjoyed a  
5 rewarding and accomplished 48-year career with the Veterans  
6 Administration North Texas Health Care System in Dallas before her  
7 retirement in 2017; she worked as a certified surgical technologist  
8 and was especially well regarded for her expertise at performing  
9 specialized services for neuro and plastic surgeries; among other  
10 honors, she was the recipient of the hospital's Daisy Ambassador  
11 award for excellence in nursing in 2014; and

12           WHEREAS, Active in her profession, Mrs. Starks was a past  
13 board member of the Texas State Assembly for Surgical  
14 Technologists, and she played a key role in establishing the  
15 Greater Dallas Chapter of the Association of Surgical  
16 Technologists; in July 2014, she authored an article in the AST's  
17 journal, *The Surgical Technologist*; and

18           WHEREAS, Mrs. Starks gave generously of her time and talents  
19 to a host of other organizations; she was a life member of the  
20 National Council of Negro Women and a president of its T. Mathis  
21 Hawkins Section, and she organized educational events while serving  
22 as president of the Greater Dallas Area Sisterhood Branch of the  
23 Missionary Baptist General Convention of Texas; she was also a  
24 member of Top Ladies of Distinction, the Daughters of the Elks, and

1 myriad faith-based groups; and

2           WHEREAS, A valued congregant of the Alta Mesa Park Baptist  
3 Church, Mrs. Starks supported the church's ministries to feed and  
4 clothe the needy; she was also involved in the Nursing Guild and its  
5 annual health fair, where she was instrumental in creating a blood  
6 pressure information booth; moreover, she volunteered at the Martin  
7 Luther King Center to help provide meals to homeless and other less  
8 fortunate residents, visited nursing home residents, and held  
9 fund-raisers for deserving area students; and

10           WHEREAS, Mrs. Starks was devoted to her late husband, George  
11 Starks, and found time to assist him with his business, Starks  
12 Towing Service; she was the loving mother of three sons and a  
13 daughter, and she cherished her grandchildren and  
14 great-grandchildren; and

15           WHEREAS, Dorothy Stoker-Starks made a positive and lasting  
16 difference in her community through her tireless endeavors in  
17 behalf of veterans and other citizens in need, and though she will  
18 be greatly missed, she leaves behind a legacy that will continue to  
19 inspire all who were blessed to know her; now, therefore, be it

20           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas  
21 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Dorothy  
22 L. Stoker-Starks and extend deepest sympathy to her relatives and  
23 friends; and, be it further

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1           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
2 prepared for her family and that when the Texas House of  
3 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Dorothy  
4 L. Stoker-Starks.

Davis of Dallas

Bonnen of Brazoria	Guerra	Oliverson
Allen	Guillen	Ortega
Allison	Gutierrez	Pacheco
Anchia	Harless	Paddie
Anderson	Harris	Parker
Ashby	Hefner	Patterson
Bailes	Hernandez	Paul
Beckley	Herrero	Perez
Bell of Kaufman	Hinojosa	Phelan
Bell of Montgomery	Holland	Price
Bernal	Howard	Ramos
Biedermann	Huberty	Raney
Blanco	Hunter	Raymond
Bohac	Israel	Reynolds
Bonnen of Galveston	E. Johnson of Dallas	Rodriguez
Bowers	J. Johnson of Dallas	Romero, Jr.
Buckley	Johnson of Harris	Rose
Bucy	Kacal	Rosenthal
Burns	King of Hemphill	Sanford
Burrows	King of Parker	Schaefer
Button	King of Uvalde	Shaheen
Cain	Klick	Sheffield
Calanni	Krause	Sherman, Sr.
Canales	Kuempel	Shine
Capriglione	Lambert	Smith
Clardy	Landgraf	Smithee
Cole	Lang	Springer
Coleman	Larson	Stephenson
Collier	Leach	Stickland
Cortez	Leman	Stucky
Craddick	Longoria	Swanson
Cyrier	Lozano	Talarico
Darby	Lucio III	Thierry
Davis of Dallas	Martinez	Thompson of Brazoria
Davis of Harris	Martinez Fischer	Thompson of Harris
Dean	Metcalf	Tinderholt
Deshotel	Meyer	Toth
Dominguez	Meza	Turner of Dallas
Dutton	Middleton	Turner of Tarrant
Farrar	Miller	VanDeaver
Fierro	Minjarez	Vo
Flynn	Moody	Walle
Frank	Morrison	White
Frullo	Muñoz, Jr.	Wilson
Geren	Murphy	Wray
Gervin-Hawkins	Murr	Wu
Goldman	Neave	Zedler
González of Dallas	Nevárez	Zerwas
González of El Paso	Noble	Zwiener
Goodwin		

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 512 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on February 21, 2019.

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Chief Clerk of the House