

By: Davis of Dallas

H.R. No. 512

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

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