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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Barbara Joyce Parker Williams of Dallas passed away  
2 on March 3, 2019, at the age of 69, leaving behind a loving family  
3 and many dear friends to cherish her memory; and

4           WHEREAS, Born in Dallas on August 19, 1949, to James and  
5 Alverniece Parker, the former Barbara Parker grew up with the  
6 companionship of a brother, James, and two sisters, Sherry and  
7 Janet, with whom she shared a close bond; she was a member of the  
8 Roosevelt High School Class of 1967, and she graduated from Bishop  
9 College and Prairie View A&M University, where she earned a  
10 graduate degree; on March 12, 1979, she exchanged wedding vows with  
11 George Williams, her devoted husband of 40 years, and they went on  
12 to become the parents of two treasured daughters, Traci and Teri,  
13 and the grandparents of five precious grandchildren, Nia, Gerold,  
14 Sydnee, Steven, and Sophie; and

15           WHEREAS, Mrs. Williams was a passionate educator who worked  
16 for 30 years in the Dallas Independent School District until her  
17 retirement in 2001; in the course of her career, she taught at a  
18 number of elementary schools in the district, and she found special  
19 satisfaction in introducing young children to the joys of reading;  
20 and

21           WHEREAS, Sustained by a strong faith from an early age,  
22 Mrs. Williams was a valued member of Community Missionary Baptist  
23 Church, where she served in numerous capacities over the years; she  
24 also volunteered her time on various committees with the Alpha Xi

1 Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., and she deeply  
2 enjoyed the fellowship she shared with her sorority sisters; and

3 WHEREAS, Above all else, Mrs. Williams cherished her family,  
4 and she was known to talk at length about her daughters, her  
5 sons-in-law, her grandchildren, and all of their achievements; she  
6 was an excellent caregiver, a gracious hostess, and a talented  
7 cook, and the delicious meals she served made every gathering at her  
8 home all the more special; and

9 WHEREAS, Barbara Williams touched many lives during her time  
10 on this earth, and all those who were privileged to share in the  
11 warmth of her affection will forever hold her close in their hearts;  
12 now, therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas  
14 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Barbara Joyce  
15 Parker Williams and extend sincere condolences to the members of  
16 her family: to her husband, George W. Williams Jr.; to her  
17 daughters, Traci and her husband, Gerold, and Teri and her husband,  
18 Steven; to her siblings, Sherry Rose, Janet Kemp, and the Reverend  
19 James Parker Jr.; to her dear niece, State Representative Toni  
20 Rose; to her grandchildren, Nia, Gerold, Sydnee, Steven, and  
21 Sophie; and to her other relatives and friends; and, be it further

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