

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The passing of Bessie M. Swindle on March 28, 2019,  
2 at the age of 79, concluded a remarkable life of service to  
3 Southeast Houston; and

4           WHEREAS, Born in Loreauville, Louisiana, Bessie Swindle  
5 moved to Houston in the 1950s and settled in the Sunnyside  
6 neighborhood; she founded the Cloverland Civic Club and as its  
7 president, she represented 400 homeowners and worked tirelessly to  
8 improve the lives of her neighbors, offering aid to families in need  
9 and raising money for scholarships; in 1994, she became president  
10 of the Southeast Coalition of Civic Clubs, and after acting as  
11 community liaison for the Precinct 7 constable, she went on to serve  
12 as outreach coordinator for Congressman Al Green; she was also a  
13 member of the City of Houston's Police Officers' Civil Service  
14 Commission and the mayor's Tower Commission; and

15           WHEREAS, Ms. Swindle's dedicated activism helped bring  
16 Sunnyside a library, a police storefront, and an extensive  
17 renovation of Cloverland Park; a powerful advocate for  
18 environmental justice, she organized 2,000 residents in opposition  
19 to a concrete plant in 2002, and she continued to fight the threat  
20 of pollution into the present decade; she championed numerous  
21 worthwhile initiatives, among them a 2006 study of racial  
22 disparities in the placement of children in child protective  
23 services custody; a woman of faith, she was an active member of  
24 St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church; in 2007, the City of Houston

1 celebrated Bessie M. Swindle Day and Partnership of Service Day in  
2 her honor, and two years later, it renamed a popular facility the  
3 Bessie Swindle Community Center; she received myriad other  
4 accolades through the years, including the Mayor's Award for  
5 Outstanding Volunteer Service and an honorary degree from the  
6 Houston Community College System; and

7 WHEREAS, Through her selfless devotion to the betterment of  
8 her community, Bessie Swindle made a meaningful difference in  
9 countless lives, and her contributions will continue to resonate in  
10 the years to come; now, therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas  
12 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Bessie M. Swindle  
13 and extend sincere condolences to all who mourn her passing; and, be  
14 it further

15 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
16 prepared for her family and that when the Texas House of  
17 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Bessie M.  
18 Swindle.

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Allen	Guillen	Oliverson
Allison	Gutierrez	Ortega
Anchia	Harless	Pacheco
Anderson	Harris	Paddie
Ashby	Hefner	Parker
Bailes	Hernandez	Patterson
Beckley	Herrero	Paul
Bell of Kaufman	Hinojosa	Perez
Bell of Montgomery	Holland	Phelan
Bernal	Howard	Price
Biedermann	Huberty	Ramos
Blanco	Hunter	Raney
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Calanni	Krause	Sheffield
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González of El Paso	Neave	Zerwas
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H.R. No. 1648

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1648 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on May 21, 2019.

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Chief Clerk of the House