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S.R. No. 18

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The citizens of Houston lost an admired civic leader
2 with the passing of Willie Belle Mollett Boone on July 15, 2025, at
3 the age of 93; and

4 WHEREAS, The daughter of Florine McDaniel and L. J. Mollett,
5 the former Willie Belle Mollett was born in Beaumont on May 22,
6 1932; she was a graduate of Charlton-Pollard High School; and

7 WHEREAS, After moving to Houston, she met Jesse Ree Boone,
8 and the couple shared a rewarding marriage that spanned six decades
9 before his passing; they were the proud parents of two sons, David
10 and Rodney, and over the years, their family grew to include seven
11 grandchildren, Geneva, Sineca, Tara, Naqusha, Michael, Carl, and
12 Bernard; and

13 WHEREAS, A resident of the Sunnyside community, Mrs. Boone
14 was a steadfast advocate for the neighborhood; she became active in
15 the Democratic Party, and she held positions at the county, state,
16 and national levels, including precinct chair and election judge;
17 to promote civic engagement in underrepresented neighborhoods,
18 Mrs. Boone founded and served as president of the Southeast
19 Precinct Judges Council; she also worked in the offices of
20 Congressman Ken Bentsen and Commissioner Rodney Ellis, in the
21 Harris County Clerk's Office, and for the Teamsters Union; in
22 addition, she was an employee at Praxair for more than 25 years; and

23 WHEREAS, Mrs. Boone volunteered her time in behalf of many
24 organizations, including the Missouri City/Houston Space City

Chapter of the Top Ladies of Distinction, Inc., and the Barbara Jordan Houston Section of the National Council of Negro Women, and she was a member of the Texas Silver-Haired Legislature; in 2021, she was honored as a Living Legend by Commissioner Rodney Ellis; a woman of faith, she was a valued congregant of the Windsor Village United Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS, Although Willie Belle Boone's passing has brought great sorrow to those who loved her, her life was an inspiring example of the good that one person can accomplish; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the 89th Texas Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the memory of Willie Belle Mollett Boone and extend sincere condolences to her family and friends; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be prepared for her family and that when the Texas Senate adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Willie Belle Boone.