

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The citizens of Dallas lost an esteemed community
2 leader with the passing of Dr. Maxine Thornton-Reese on August 15,
3 2025, at the age of 86; and

4 WHEREAS, The daughter of Mack and Lucille Thornton, the
5 former Maxine Thornton was born in Dallas on December 7, 1938, and
6 she grew up with the companionship of two sisters, Thelma and
7 Bobbye; as one of the first African American students to attend
8 North Texas State College, her experiences during the Civil Rights
9 movement were documented in the university's oral history project;
10 she earned her bachelor's degree in 1961 and her master's degree in
11 1967 before attaining her doctor of education degree from Texas A&M
12 University-Commerce in 1982; and

13 WHEREAS, Over the course of a long and rewarding career with
14 the Dallas Independent School District, Dr. Thornton-Reese served
15 as a mathematics teacher, counselor, assistant principal,
16 principal, and dean of instruction; after retiring from education,
17 she embarked on a second career in civic service, and during her
18 eight years representing District 4 on the Dallas City Council, her
19 many accomplishments included helping to improve public amenities
20 and expand after-school programs; she also served on a number of
21 committees and boards, among them the Dallas Citizens Police Review
22 Board and the Dallas Area Rapid Transit Board; and

23 WHEREAS, Further engaged in her community,
24 Dr. Thornton-Reese was involved in numerous organizations, and she

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1 served as an active member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., for
2 nearly five decades; in 2018, she received the Sojourner Truth
3 Award from the South Central District of the National Association
4 of Negro Business and Professional Women's Clubs, Inc.; and

5 WHEREAS, Dr. Thornton-Reese was the proud mother of a
6 daughter, Lynnetta; over the years, her cherished family grew to
7 include four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren; and

8 WHEREAS, Maxine Thornton-Reese was a devoted mother and
9 grandmother and a significant asset to her community, and her
10 commitment to her loved ones and to the city of Dallas will be
11 remembered and admired for years to come; now, therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 89th Texas
13 Legislature, 2nd Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the memory
14 of Dr. Maxine Thornton-Reese and extend sincere condolences to the
15 members of her family: to her daughter, Lynnetta M. Williams; to her
16 grandchildren, Maxine, Robert, Jasmine, and Roderick Williams; to
17 her great-grandchildren, Masego and Mekonnen Carroll and Dakotah
18 and Nevaeh Williams; and to her other relatives and friends; and, be
19 it further

20 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
21 prepared for her family and that when the Texas House of
22 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Maxine
23 Thornton-Reese.

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Burrows	Guerra	Morales Shaw
Alders	Guillen	Morgan
Allen	Harless	Muñoz
Anchía	Harris	Noble
Ashby	Harris Davila	Olcott
Barry	Harrison	Oliverson
Bell of Kaufman	Hayes	Ordaz
Bell of Montgomery	Hefner	Orr
Bernal	Hernandez	Patterson
Bhojani	Hickland	Paul
Bonnen	Hinojosa	Perez of El Paso
Bowers	Holt	Perez of Harris
Bryant	Hopper	Phelan
Buckley	Howard	Pierson
Bucy	Hull	Plesa
Bumgarner	Hunter	Raymond
Button	Isaac	Reynolds
Cain	Johnson	Richardson
Campos	Jones of Dallas	Rodríguez Ramos
Canales	Jones of Harris	Romero
Capriglione	Kerwin	Rose
Cole	King	Rosenthal
Collier	Kitzman	Schatzline
Cook	LaHood	Schofield
Cortez	Lalani	Schoolcraft
Craddick	Lambert	Shaheen
Cunningham	Landgraf	Shofner
Curry	Leach	Simmons
Darby	Leo Wilson	Slawson
A. Davis of Dallas	Little	Smithee
Y. Davis of Dallas	Longoria	Spiller
Dean	Lopez of Bexar	Swanson
DeAyala	Lopez of Cameron	Talarico
Dorazio	Louderback	Tepper
Dutton	Lowe	Thompson
Dyson	Lozano	Tinderholt
Fairly	Lujan	Toth
Flores	Luther	Troxclair
Frank	Manuel	Turner
Gámez	Martinez	VanDeaver
Garcia of Bexar	Martinez Fischer	Vasut
Garcia of Dallas	McLaughlin	Villalobos
Garcia Hernandez	McQueeney	Virdell
Gates	Metcalf	Vo
Gerdes	Meyer	Walle
Geren	Meza	Ward Johnson
Gervin-Hawkins	Money	Wharton
González of Dallas	Moody	Wilson
González of El Paso	Morales of Harris	Wu
Goodwin	Morales of Maverick	Zwiener

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 68 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on August 21, 2025.

Chief Clerk of the House