HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The family and friends of Dovie Jean Webber of Fort Worth were deeply saddened by the passing of this esteemed health care professional and civic leader on July 11, 2003, at the age of 65; and

WHEREAS, Born on March 8, 1938, in Lindale, Mrs. Webber graduated from Fort Worth's I. M. Terrell High School before attending Prairie View A&M University; she completed her undergraduate studies at the University of North Texas (UNT) and was the first African American to graduate from the university's library service program; Mrs. Webber also earned a master's degree at UNT in the study of aging and enjoyed an outstanding 35-year career in the health care industry, ably serving as a facility owner, service provider, and consultant; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Webber was an active volunteer in her community as well, and she gave freely of her time and talents to a host of worthy organizations, including the Women's Division of the Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce, the Mayor's Committee on the Status of Women, the Fort Worth Tarrant County Black Historical and Genealogical Society, and the American Association of University Women; she was also a charter member of the National Center on Black Aged and an organizing member of the Mid-Cities Chapter of Links, Inc.; and

22 Inc.; and

WHEREAS, Lending her exceptional leadership skills to promote the greater good, Mrs. Webber served as a board member for

- 1 the Girl Scouts of America, the Parenting Center, the Fort Worth
- 2 Economic Development Corporation, Junior Achievement, Planned
- 3 Parenthood, and the Arlington Women's Shelter; in addition, she
- 4 contributed her expertise to the United Way's budget committee and
- 5 served as chair of the YWCA's Highland Park Branch; and
- 6 WHEREAS, This distinguished civic leader shared 42 years of
- 7 marriage with entrepreneur and former Texas State Representative
- 8 Bobby G. Webber; throughout her life, she maintained an active
- 9 interest in politics and civic engagement that led to her
- 10 participation in the League of Women Voters, Leadership Fort Worth,
- 11 and Leadership Arlington; and
- WHEREAS, In addition, Mrs. Webber was a tireless worker in
- 13 behalf of Cyrene Episcopal Church, where she worshiped; widely
- 14 respected and admired in her community and much beloved by family
- and friends, Mrs. Webber will be profoundly missed; now, therefore,
- 16 be it
- RESOLVED, That the 78th Legislature of the State of Texas,
- 18 3rd Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the life of Dovie Jean
- 19 Webber and extend sincere sympathy to the members of her family: to
- 20 her husband, the Honorable Bobby G. Webber; to her daughter,
- 21 Vanessa "Candy" Webber; to her grandson, Alvin James II; to her
- 22 mother, Elnora Woods; to her brothers, John Arthur Woods, Charles
- 23 Abdul Haqq, and Kenneth Woods; to her sisters, Carolyn Phillips and
- 24 Myron Jackson; and to her in-laws, nieces, nephews, and many other
- 25 relatives and friends; and, be it further
- 26 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
- 27 prepared for her family and that when the Texas House of

- 1 Representatives and Senate adjourn this day, they do so in memory of
- 2 Dovie Jean Webber.

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President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 20 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on October 10, 2003.

Chief Clerk of the Hous

I certify that H.C.R. No. 20 was adopted by the Senate on

October 10, 2003, by a viva-voce vote.

Secretary of the Senate

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Governor

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