

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A full and generous life drew to a close with the
2 passing of admired South Dallas restaurateur Elaine Patricia
3 Campbell on April 9, 2023, at the age of 73; and

4 WHEREAS, The daughter of Richard and Louise Campbell, Elaine
5 Campbell was born in Kingston, Jamaica, on January 4, 1950, and grew
6 up with seven siblings; she worked in arts and crafts and
7 demonstrated exceptional talent in the culinary realm; as a young
8 mother of two, she migrated to the United States with her sons and
9 her sister, Colleen, and helped one of her brothers manage his
10 restaurant in New York; and

11 WHEREAS, Ms. Campbell and her sister moved to Dallas and
12 opened Elaine's Kitchen on Martin Luther King Boulevard in 1987;
13 her Jamaican cuisine won a dedicated following, and the restaurant
14 earned numerous accolades, including recognition by *D Magazine* as
15 one of the city's Best Neighborhood Restaurants; in addition,
16 Ms. Campbell received several awards for her service to the
17 community; she graciously served everyone who walked through the
18 doors, even if they could not afford to pay, and extended help to
19 people when they were struggling; over the years, she provided
20 housing assistance and financial support to many individuals, along
21 with plenty of love and encouragement, and she donated food and
22 funds to multiple community organizations, as well as neighborhood
23 schools; she was a longtime member of the Dallas Black Chamber of
24 Commerce and the Caribbean Association; and

1 WHEREAS, The mother of two biological sons, Richie and Gary,
2 Ms. Campbell adopted two more, Nicholas and Obrian, and she played
3 a maternal role in the lives of a host of nieces, nephews,
4 grandchildren, and countless others; she was a marvelous confidant
5 and endeared herself to all with her laughter and warm smile; for
6 her 70th birthday, a large circle of friends and relatives traveled
7 to Jamaica with her for a spectacular celebration; she enjoyed
8 traveling when she had the opportunity, and she loved cooking,
9 baking, and watching football; and

10 WHEREAS, Elaine Campbell brightened the world for all who
11 knew her, and although she is deeply missed, her kindness and
12 compassion will remain a lasting source of inspiration; now,
13 therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas
15 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Elaine Patricia
16 Campbell and extend sincere condolences to the members of her
17 family: to her biological sons, Calvin "Richie" Hamilton and
18 Orville "Gary" Hamilton; to her adopted sons, Nicholas and Obrian;
19 to her siblings, Colleen, Shirley, Claudette, Phillip, and Derek;
20 to her grandchildren; and to her many other relatives and friends;
21 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 Elaine
25 Campbell.

Jones of Dallas

H.R. No. 1171

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1171 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on April 28, 2023.

Chief Clerk of the House