

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

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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.

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Chief Clerk of the House