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"It is a privilege to serve people, a privilege that must be earned, and once earned; there is an obligation to do something good with it." - Barbara Jordan

Her children rise up and call her blessed. Born in Arcadia, Louisiana, Delores Hadnott's parents taught her the importance of education and instilled in her the drive and determination to help people. Ms. Hadnott has one daughter, Crystal Denise, one son, Lawrence Oliver, one stepson, Lawrence Isaiah, one grandson, Ashton Josiah, one daughter-in-law, Shakwanna, as well as several children she has taken in as her own.

In 1972, she received her Bachelors degree in Sociology from Grambling State University, as Salutatorian and Class President, in only three years. She was an active member of Student Government and Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated. After relocating to Houston in 1975, she completed Management Training at the University of Houston, Continuing Education.

Ms. Hadnott's determination to succeed and help people did not end at Grambling State University. In 1975, Delores Hadnott started her career with the American Red Cross – Greater Houston Area Chapter as a Coordinator of Youth Services. From 1975 to 1987, she was promoted to Assistant Director and Director of Youth Services. In 1987, Ms. Hadnott was promoted to Branch Office Director of the Southeast Branch Office, where she is responsible for providing services to eleven (11) zip codes within the Greater Houston Area for over twenty-four (24) years after tiring in 2011 with thirty-six (36) years of service to the community on behalf of the American Red Cross. She was a dedicated worker and team player, who hrecruited, trained, and assisted thousands of volunteers. Ms. Hadnott worked hard to increase public awareness, reduce family emergencies, improve the quality of life in local neighborhoods, and make Houston a better place for all citizens.

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She is constantly thinking of others and putting their needs before her own. Community has always been at the hallmark of her activities. Throughout her life, Ms. Hadnott has earned the respect of her colleagues and a wide cross-section of community leaders who have praised her human relations skills, impeccable character and innate ability to communicate effectively with people of diverse backgrounds. She has been a constant supporter of several community organizations and activities.

Besides her lifelong service in the community and in addition to thirty-six (36) years of service at the Red Cross, Ms. Hadnott is an active member of Mount Carmel Missionary Baptist Church under the teachings of Reverend E. L. Burnside. She has served in many capacities including, Assistant Director of the Youth Department, Sunday School Secretary and the Usher Board. Presently, she is the Assistant Church Secretary, a member of the Finance Committee, Program Coordinator for the Mission Society, and Sunday School Teacher. Ms. Hadnott has served on the state and nation levels as a member of the Finance Committee and Sunday School Instructor.

Over and beyond the call of duty for the Red Cross, Ms. Hadnott volunteers for several individuals, companies, and organizations that has requested her assistance. As a testament to her exceptional service to the community, and in recognition of her outstanding professional achievement and superior leadership ability, Ms. Hadnott has received numerous awards and endless Certificates of Recognition and Proclamations from city, county, and congressional elected officials for her outstanding services.

Mayor Lee Brown proclaimed May 9, 2002 Delores Hadnott Day in the City of Houston. In 2006, she received the 42nd Annual Founders' Day, Sojourner Truth Crystal Awards, Professional Award. In 2009, Congressman Al Green presented her with the 2009 Congressional Certificate of Special Recognition.

Tireless and unselfish labor; strength, dignity and commitment; spirit of love, nurture, compassion, leadership, and patience---truly a virtuous woman.

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Funeral services will be held Saturday, February 18, 2012, 10:00am at Christian Faith Missionary Baptist Church, 4306 Brinkley Street, Houston, Texas 77051{jcomments on}