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LADY WILLIE LEE CAMPBELL GLASS

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“A Grande Dame” was born into segregation, earned her Masters degree and rose above many barriers to help African Americans.
"Service is the rent we pay for living in God's world".

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Heather Nick

From: DFranks345@aol.com
Sent: Thursday, April 01, 2010 3:13 PM
To: Heather Nick
Cc: Barbara Holly; DFranks345@aol.com
Subject: Re: Willie Lee Campbell Glass

Hope this helps...born August 24, 1910. I revised a little, but use what you can.

Lady Willie Lee Campbell Glass - "A Grande Dame"

August 24, 1910 - May 2, 1999

A woman of color who was born into the segregated society of Deep East Texas who made major difference in the lives of countless individuals. Despite the limitations society imposed, she crossed many barriers and lived a life of triumph. Some of her accomplishments include: Founder of Top Ladies of Distinction, Inc. (*a national organization*), "First Lady" of Texas College, Philanthropist, State Education Consultant, and First African American inductee into the Texas Women's Hall of Fame.

Her motto: "Service is the Rent we pay for living in God's world"

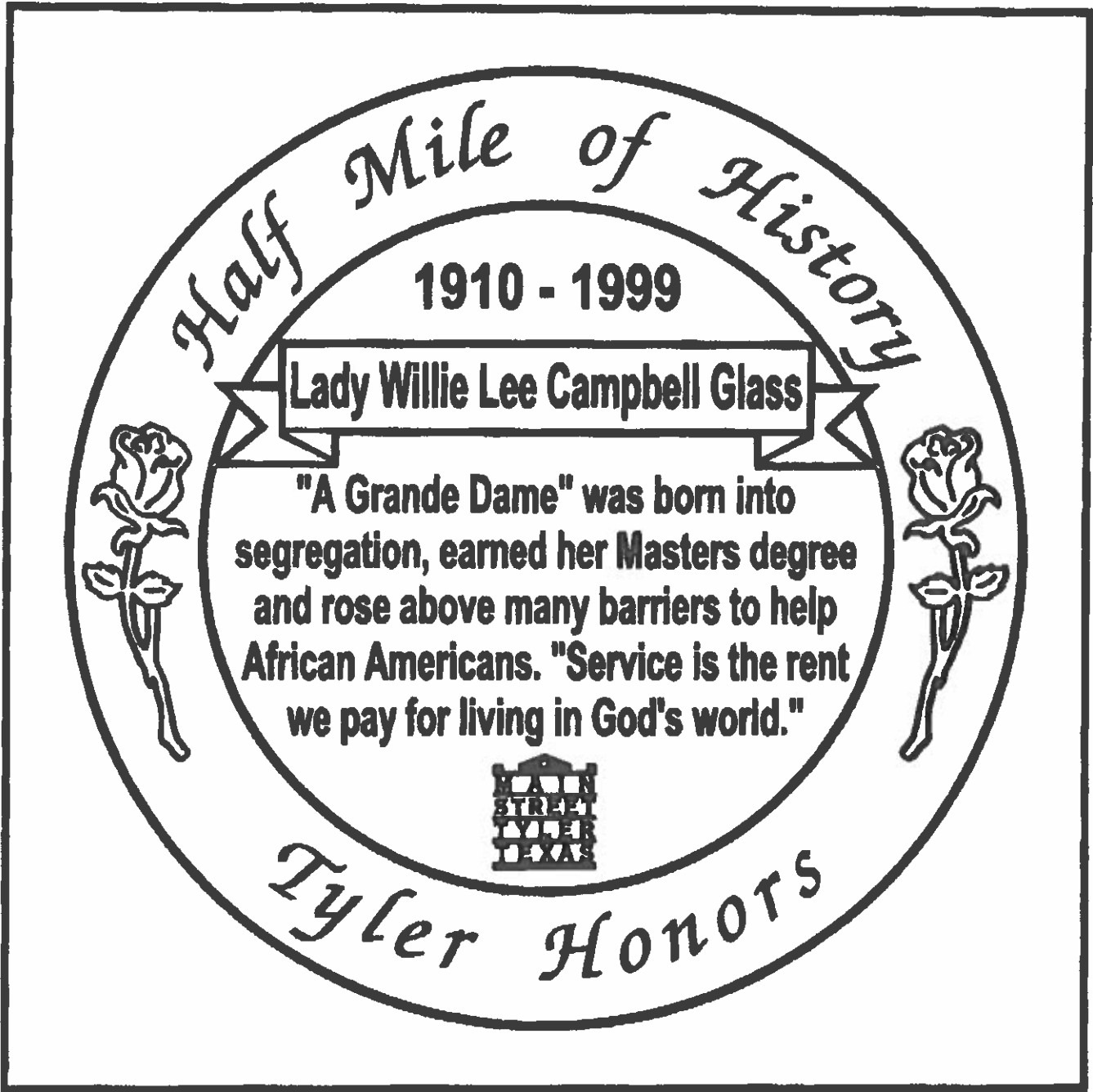
Dorothy J. Franks

In a message dated 3/5/2010 10:28:48 A.M. Central Standard Time, bholly@tylertexas.com writes:

Dear Dorothy,

We are composing the language to be placed on the granite stone honoring Ms. Glass. There is limited space on each stone for the caption. This is our first blush taken from your narrative. Please review for accuracy and content and let us know by next Friday (March 11) if this wording is acceptable for the stone. We usually have dates that would indicate birth and death, but I don't see that in the file. Can you supply?

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Heather Nick

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Willie Lee Glass

Her Individuality Is Composite Of Many People's Influences

By SARAH ZIMMERMAN
Staff Writer

Growing up she was E.J. Gambbell's daughter. Since 1936 she has been known as Dr. D.R. Glass's wife.

Now she is Willie Lee. Willie Lee Glass certainly has her own identity, but it is actually a composite of people who have influenced her.

"I have never walked alone," Mrs. Glass said. "Generally people say no man stands alone, but I say no man walks alone."

The path Mrs. Glass has walked led her from being the only child of two school teachers in Nacogdoches to being the wife of Texas College president to being one of 12 women inducted into the Texas Women's Hall of Fame this year.

Some of her first memories are of sharing with others in Nacogdoches where she was born on Aug. 24, 1910. She said it was her job to bake a cake each Saturday for her and her parents to have with their lunches during the week.

One day Mrs. Glass had finished making a cake when a neighbor visited. The neighbor said her family had never had a whole cake before, so Mrs. Glass gave the freshly baked cake to her.

Mrs. Glass said her mother wondered why she hadn't given just part of the cake away, but her father went to the bakery and bought another dessert.

While she learned to share, Mrs. Glass also learned to save. "If I got a dime, I had to put a nickel in a baking powder can that she used for a bank."

After finishing high school, Mrs. Glass went to Prairie View State College which was a branch of Texas A&M. She graduated from Prairie View with honors and then attended Iowa State University for her master's degree in home economics.

"I got there and the ground was white, the clouds were white, and the people were all white," Mrs. Glass said as she remembered her arrival in Iowa. She said

she wanted to come home at first, but her mother told her to look in the mirror when she wanted to see another black person.

At that time Iowa State would not allow black people to live on campus, so Mrs. Glass lived off campus and walked to classes. She said the trees along that route knew her lessons because she would review her assignments as she walked to class.

In 1934 Mrs. Glass became the youngest person to receive a master's degree in home economics education from Iowa State.

After graduation, Mrs. Glass taught at Virginia State College for two years. She said she enjoyed her job but her mother wanted her to move back to Texas.

Mutual friends arranged for Dr. D.R. Glass, Texas College president, to talk to Mrs. Glass about teaching in Tyler. She agreed to the interview, not because she wanted the job, but to be "courteous to my mother."

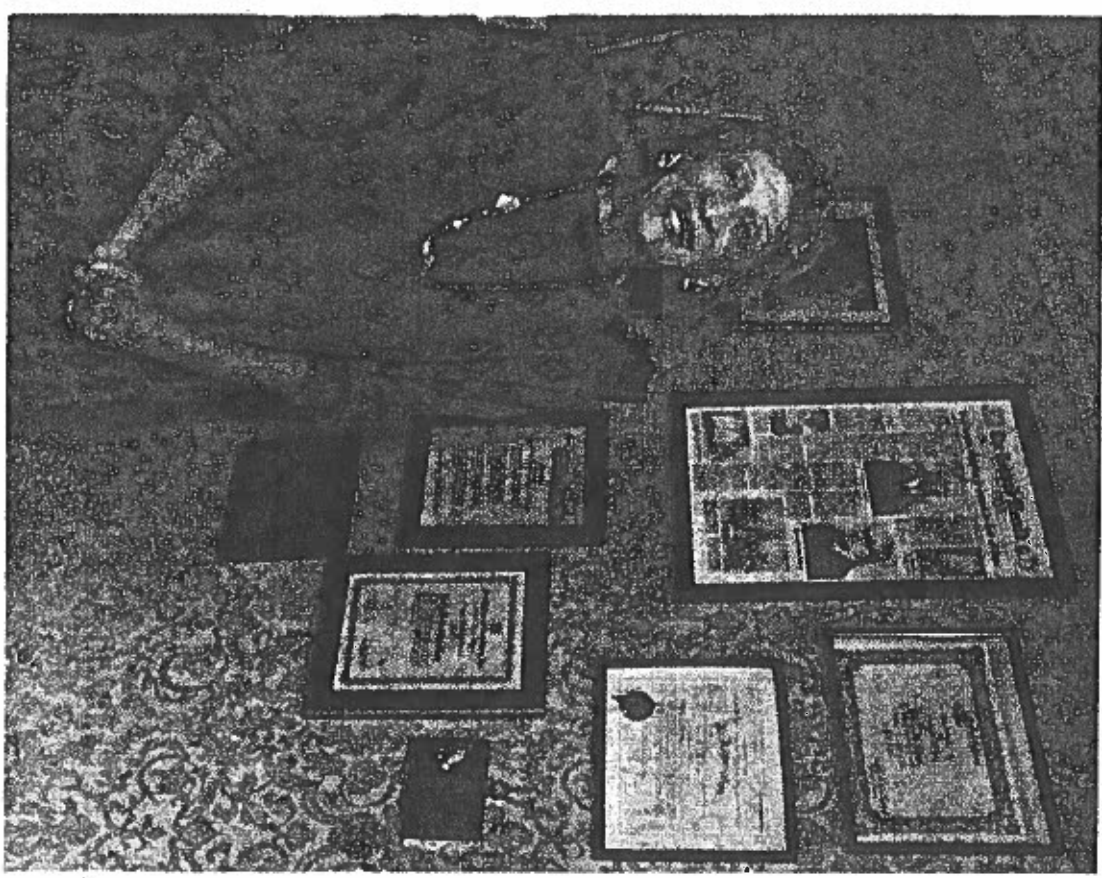
Before the conversation ended, Mrs. Glass said Dr. Glass asked her, "Willie, am I too old to go with you?" Later Mrs. Glass said, "It was the biggest shock of my life."

Part of the shock was because Mrs. Glass was engaged to a man in Virginia. After the interview, Mrs. Glass went back to Virginia, but Dr. Glass kept writing her. Later Mrs. Glass's fiancé died from a stroke, and in 1936 Mrs. Glass married Dr. Glass.

He was a widower who was 19 years older than Mrs. Glass. He died in 1968 after being president of Texas College since 1931. The couple never had children; however, Mrs. Glass said she claims all of the students at Texas College.

Mrs. Glass taught at Texas College from 1936 until 1960 and was chairman of the home economics department. She also taught at Tyler Junior College.

Mrs. Glass especially remembers the "tea room." She said the tea room was a place for people from the community to host parties while her students learned See WILLIE LEE, Page 2, Section 5



Staff Photo by John Harrison

CERTIFICATES, PLAQUES LINE THE WALL OF THE DEN
Willie Lee Glass Says Hall Of Fame Award Stems Up All Others

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James Garrett of Tyler was
ade officiant.

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the proper way to serve guests. Using the finest linens and china, Mrs. Glass said the tea room was "the last word."

In 1950 Mrs. Glass became a home economics consultant to the Texas Education Agency. She said she felt she was "picked because of my training," not because she was a woman or because she was black.

Mrs. Glass retired in 1974, but not before she was recognized for her work. The home economics facility at Texas College is named in her honor, and framed certificates, plaques and pictures line both sides of the stairway at her home, as well as one wall of the den.

What was Mrs. Glass's greatest honor?
"The Hall of Fame sums them up. I hate to put one over the other. I never work for an honor."

Mrs. Glass said honors she receives "keep me deflated" as she is humbled by the awards.

"The confidence people place in me fascinates me. I never let them down."

"I've just been sowing seeds. I had no idea the seeds I was sowing would ever reap such a rich harvest."

Mrs. Glass recites a number of sayings that have attributed to her accomplishments. They are all things she was taught while she was young, and things she obviously believes now.

"I learned early that everybody is somebody," Mrs. Glass said. "Work is honorable. Excellence without excuse. Never criticize anybody who you can't help. Life is beautiful if you see it that way."

Serre Restaurant.
The couple will reside in Tyler.

Mrs. Glass said her motivation for helping others is that "service is the rent you pay for living in God's world."

Positive thinking is another key to Mrs. Glass's success. "Positive thinking will get you there. No matter what you say, I'll find something to like about you."

"Mental Fashions of the Mind" is a book Mrs. Glass wrote that describes putting away negative models such as hate and envy and keeping positive models such as love, faith, charity and hope. She said she is working on a book she hopes to title "Everybody Is a Different Shade of Brown."

Because of positive thinking, Mrs. Glass said, "You'll have a hard time making me angry." She said she is disturbed, however, when she is falsely accused. "We do enough wrong things without being accused of something we didn't do."

Mrs. Glass cannot be accused of being inactive. Even though she is retired, she serves on 17 committees. She said one of her goals is to "die as young as I can as late as I can."

But Mrs. Glass has another goal that is more important to her.

"Before I take off my walking shoes, I want to to ask my friends to help save black colleges. Black colleges have a mission to build a greater America."

"Black students need the individual attention at smaller colleges. They have two lessons to learn; the one they are assigned and the one they missed earlier."

Mrs. Glass looked out her living room window across the street to Texas College as she continued to urge support for black colleges. "It's not that they (black students) don't have the ability; they didn't have the experience. Black colleges got me on my way. We need that personal touch."

"My real focus is to get slender," Wilson said.
Leonard said many Zunis have become overweight because of a
"My real focus is to get slender," Leonard said.



—Staff Photo by John Harrison

POSITIVE THINKING IS ONE OF HER KEYS TO SUCCESS
Willie Lee Glass Puts Away Negative Models Hate And Envy

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Glass' Name * To Grace New City Facility

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By GREG JUNEK
Staff Writer

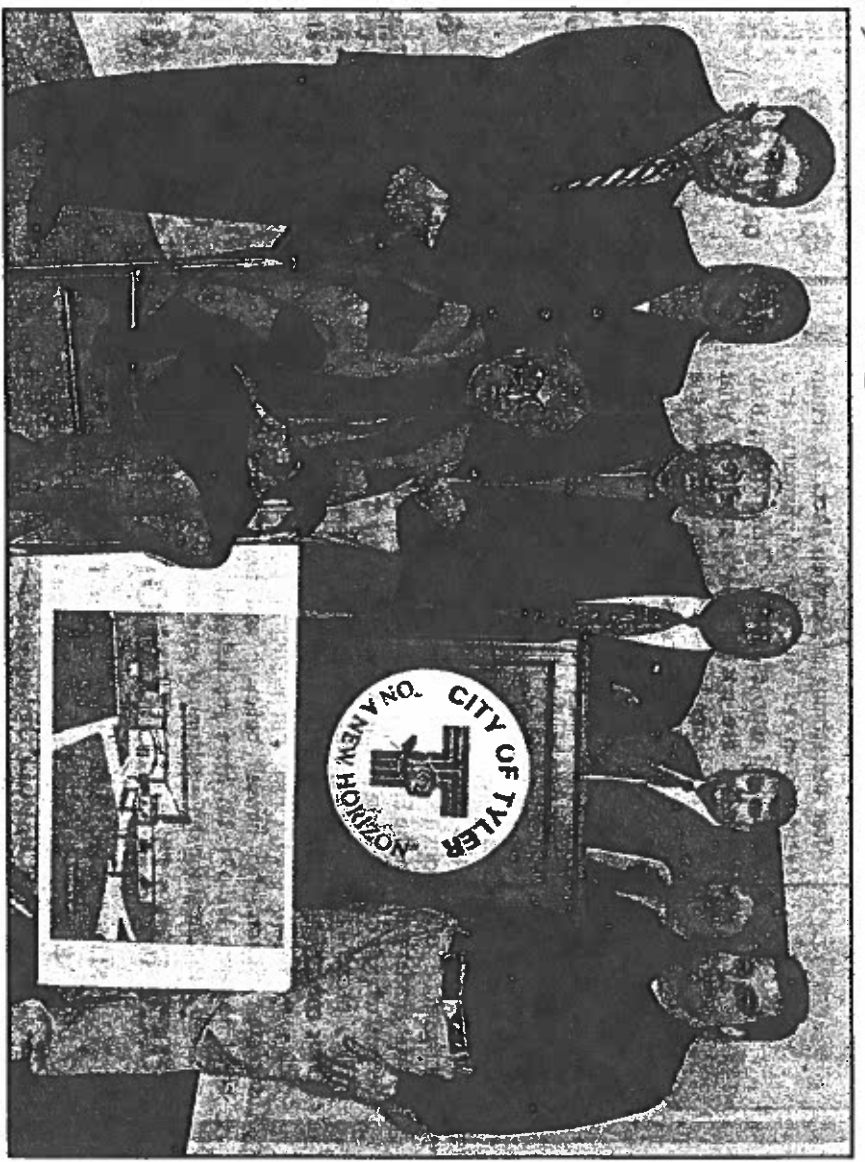
Tyler City Council members voted unanimously Wednesday on a recommendation to name a new recreation center after Willie Lee Glass amid praise from citizens who called her a unifying force among people and a wonderful educator who brought togetherness to the community.

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The recommendation will be forwarded to the Park Board, Mayor Kevin Elliffe said. The center will be constructed near North Broadway Avenue and West 32nd Street.

The Nacogdoches native, retired East Texas educator, former Texas Education Agency member and wife of the late Dr. D.R. Glass, president emeritus of Texas College, sat on the front row of the packed council chamber and listened to about 45 minutes of praise. All 56 audience seats were taken, and the *Tyler Morning Telegraph* counted 21 people standing during one point of the meeting. "She has been here for so many years and

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— Staff Photo By John Huseth
COUNCIL HONORS GLASS: Tyler City Council members, standing, from left, Mayor Kevin Elliffe, JoAnn Hampton, Don Pinkerton, Reginald Garrett, Larry Snodgrass, Laura Corbett and Joey Seaber flank Willie Lee Glass during a reception in Mrs. Glass' honor Wednesday. The council approved recommending to the Park Board naming a new recreation center in Mrs. Glass' honor.

done so much for this community to unite north, south, east and west, and we are just honored to have her here and to be in a position to recommend to the Park Board the naming of the north Tyler recreation center to be called 'Glass Recreation Center,'" Eltife said.

Mrs. Glass received the T.B. Butler Award as Tyler's most outstanding citizen in 1965. She also received Prairie View A&M University's Distinguished Alumna Award and a Distinguished Achievement Citation from Iowa State University, where she earned her master's degree. She worked 24 years with the TEA.

"One thing Mrs. Glass always tells me ... she says, No. 1, be honest, be sincere in what you do and love what you do and the people that you serve," District 3, Northwest Councilman Reginald Garrett said.

He said the council previously stressed that the center will be intended for use by everybody in Tyler, not just citizens in one part of town. As a result, the city spared no expense in developing the center. Garrett said, and he thanked council members for supporting the center.

Garrett also pointed out the council did not once meet any opposition to establishing the recreational center.

"It was very important that (the center) bear the right name," he said. "This is the right name. ... This is the right thing to do."

Former City Councilwoman Gladys Square said Mrs. Glass did much to improve the cohesiveness between races.

"I came here in '42; it wasn't like it is today," Mrs. Square said, adding Mrs. Glass "was bringing people together, uniting them together."

Mrs. Square said when Mrs. Glass pledged to support something, she would support it, "and if she was wanting to get her foot in the door, she got it in."

Mrs. Square said she met Mrs. Glass at Texas College in 1942, and was amazed how she knew the name of everyone on campus in just a few days.

have their name on this building," Henry Bell Jr. said Mrs. Square was "honoring us by allowing us to use her name."

Mrs. Glass was the last to speak, saying she wanted to continue to serve people.

"I'm already 88 years old but I want to live longer," she said. "Pray for me."

Mrs. Glass later said outside the council chamber she believed everybody, not just her, had to work to remedy problems. She said when she talked about integration many years ago, she talked about "transition," which was a change from how others addressed the subject.

Mrs. Glass said having a building named after her made her feel humbled and challenged.

"She is the most unforgettable person that I have ever met," Mrs. Square said.

She said Mrs. Glass knew time eventually would erase her name if it were written on a wall or on a piece of paper, "but if she wrote that name in the hearts of men, she would live forever. ... I often ask myself the question, 'What would Tyler have been like if God had not sent Willie Lee Glass to live and walk among us?'"

A.W. "Dub" Riter Jr. said Mrs. Glass impressed him most "by her genuine care for people."

"People who have been with her in higher education look to her as a leader, an example of what education is all about," Riter said. "A great lady in higher education, a great lady in this community."

He said Mrs. Glass always brought her checkbook when she came to his office. Riter said Mrs. Glass means what she says and any time she supported something, she was willing to write a check for it.

Nelson Clyde IV said his family's relationship with Mrs. Glass' family goes back about four generations.

"If every person that walked into this center walked out with a thumbnail of what this lady has filled this community with, we're going to be a better community," Clyde said. "And I just think it's such a great thing that we have a person that didn't come up and give a million dollars to

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WILLIE LEE GLASS
EAST-T-PLEX LIVING LEGEND
-BY LAURA BROWNLEE-

Scarcely encountered are people who joyously seek the silver lining of every soul no matter how tarnished it may be. Willie Lee Glass is the assurance that such people, although rare, truly exist. Since the early years of her life she made it her primary goal to teach everyone the importance of self-worth. Her guidance and instruction became the polish which has brightened many a tarnished soul.

pursued her Bachelor of Science degree at Prairie View A&M. To further her college education she left for Iowa State College where she became the youngest student at age 21 to acquire a masters degree from that school. She excelled academically at every school attended. She desired to follow the example of her parents and become a teacher. Ms. Glass recalls playing with her friends as a child, she always wanted to be the teacher. "But mother told me that was selfish", she says with a slight laugh.

Willie Lee did not limit herself to making a difference at Texas College. Though she strived to enrich the minds and souls of black students, she was just as dedicated to educating students of all ethnic, social and economic groups.

On August 24, 1910, E.J. and Mary Kennedy Campbell became the proud parents of their first and only child; a daughter they named Willie Lee. Her parents, both distinguished black educators, instilled in her the values that inspired her to flourish into the person she is today. In her father's eyes there could not have been a more perfect daughter. Ms. Glass recalls, "he praised everything I did", and to his constant applause she credits her assertiveness and sense of pride. However, it was the continuous efforts of Willie Lee's mother that kept her head out of the clouds her father created. From the constructive guidance of her mother Willie Lee gained a humble spirit, and the realization that she was far from flawless. In spite of the areas on which her parents diverged, Ms. Glass credits her optimism and willingness to help others to them both. Willie Lee's leadership skill reflects her father. E.J. Campbell was named president of the negro high school in Nacogdoches, and eventually the school bore his name.

On August 10, 1936, Willie Lee and Dr. Glass, President of Texas College, were married. After they wed, Ms. Glass instantly began making an impact on the campus of Texas College. She was an architect in building self-esteem. She saw every student as a developing work of art with immeasurable potential, and she made certain they knew that. By teaching them to be proud of who they were, Ms. Glass aroused in her students a desire to be successful. Never a time was her door closed to anyone. As guests in her home the football team learned gentle manly conduct and dignified manners. She knew they could not play football for the rest of their lives, so she wanted to offer them knowledge they would need off the field; "they just loved me", she says smiling.

As a result of her devotion to benefiting others, Willie Lee's home is a gallery of their appreciation and various additional honors. Among her achievements she was chosen by President Eisenhower to serve as an emissary on a formal travel program. In 1985 she received an award from the city of Los Angeles for her community service, and she is an Honorary Member of the Stephen F. Austin University Alumni Club. She was the first black recipient of the T.B. Butler Award in 1986. In 1985 Dallas included Ms. Glass in the Negro Hall of Fame, during the same year she was inducted into the Texas Woman's Hall of Fame, along with Gov. Ann Richards, for outstanding civic leadership.

Willie Lee still says that her greatest God given talent is her ability to focus on finding the good in every person and situation. She has made a life doing that. Without hesitation she says her life is great and her friends have been wonderful to her. When she began sowing her seeds of love she never gave thought to what she might reap in the end. That didn't cross her mind because it was unimportant. Now Ms. Glass claims with a beaming smile, "I never knew the harvest would be so good!"

Not only was she an inspiration to her students, but she also helped build a campus they could be proud of. Many of the facilities, such as paved sidewalks and sprinkler systems are the products of her efforts through fund raisers and other activities.

Willie Lee graduated in 1927 from E.J. Campbell High School. Because the color of her skin kept her off the Stephen F. Austin campus, she

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Inducted Into Hall Of Fame

Tylerite Thankful For 'Blessings'

AUSTIN — Tylerite Willie Lee Glass, thanking God "for all my blessings," was inducted into the Texas Women's Hall of Fame Thursday night before a capacity crowd that included Gov. Mark White.

"Leaders are made, not born," was the introduction for Mrs. Glass, who thanked White for giving her the opportunity to make a "two-minute speech."

"This is a night of thanksgiving for me," Mrs. Glass said as she accepted the award at the concert hall at The University of Texas.

Mrs. Glass said she was thankful that she was born in Texas, which was "not an accident — it was by choice."

"I thank God for all my blessings," Mrs. Glass said. "One for being a woman, and another for being a black woman."

Mrs. Glass said she was especially grateful for friends, family members and co-workers who have helped her. She introduced several people from all over the nation who attended the ceremony.

The Tyler woman ended her comments by asking the audience to "please support black colleges. They have a mission."

Actress Sandy Duncan, a former Tylerite who emceed the ceremonies, lauded the 12 women being honored.

"We have to communicate to these women how important they are," Ms. Duncan said. "We're calling this an encore evening which is so appropriate. We want them to continue doing what they've been doing."

Mrs. Glass served 24 years as a home economics consultant to Texas Education Agency. She is the widow of former Texas College president Dr. D.R. Glass, and she is this year's Woman of the Year for Zonta Club of Tyler.

Texas's last five governors have selected Mrs. Glass to serve on the White House Conference on Aging.

Mrs. Glass is a director of North Tyler Neighborhood Improvement Association, founder of Top Ladies of Distinction and was named first national director of Top Teens of America. She serves on boards of directors at Medical Center Hospital and The University of Texas at Tyler.

The other new Hall of Fame members include.

- Dr. Benjy Frances Brooks, Houston, a pediatric surgeon and sister of Marjorie Albritton, Tyler.
- Grace Woodruff Cartwright, Weatherford, a farmer-rancher and civic organizer.
- Jenny Lind Porter, Austin, professor at Houston-Tillotson College.
- Lydia Mendoza, Houston, a musician.
- Edna Gardner Whyte, Roanoke, a pilot and aviation company owner.
- Liz Carpenter, Austin, news secretary to Lady Bird Johnson.

- Maria Elena Flood, El Paso, Texas Tech University official.

- Louise Ballerstedt Raggio, Dallas, a lawyer.

- Ann Richards, Austin, state treasurer.

- Patricia Happ Buffler, Houston, professor at the UT Health Science Center.

- Helen Farabee, Wichita Falls, active in volunteer work.

According to the application form, members of the Hall of Fame are women who have had a significant impact on Texas. Selections were made based on the lasting contributions or achievements that exceed the local level.

Selections were made by an 11-member panel comprised of White, members of the Governor's Commission for Women and other Texas citizens.

White also presented the state's Distinguished Citizens Award for outstanding service in World War II to 11 other women.

It was the first time a Texas governor has honored women for their part in the war effort.

White told the audience the 1983 Legislature established the Distinguished Citizens Awards to honor Texans who have contributed significantly to the quality of American Life.

"It is entirely fitting to give long overdue recognition to women veterans, now living in Texas, who have served their country with pride, dedication and distinction," White said.

White then recognized the 11 women — all now living in Texas and five of them Texas natives — for their service during World War II.

They included:

- Lillian Dunlap, Army Nurse Corps, brigadier general retired, San Antonio.

- Mary Patricia Brennan, Navy Nurse Corps, captain retired, San Antonio.

- Claire M. Garrecht, Air Force Nurse Corps, brigadier general retired, San Antonio.

- Janet H. Ferguson, Army Medical Specialist Corps, colonel retired, San Antonio.

- Martha Anderson, Women's Army Corps, lieutenant colonel retired, San Antonio.

- Ann Trease, WAVES (Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Service), aerographic mate 2nd class, San Antonio.

- Mary Helen Strong, Women's Air Force, lieutenant colonel retired, a native of Coleman now living in San Antonio.

- Margaret M. Henderson, U.S. Marine Corps, colonel retired, native of Lubbock.

- Valerie Grace, U.S. Coast Guard, specialist/communications, San Antonio.

- Mildred Inks Davidson Dalrymple, Women Air Force Service, native of Austin and now living in Austin.

- Hattie R. Brantley, POW Army Nurse Corps, lieutenant colonel retired, a native of Jefferson now living in San Antonio.

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October 1, 1985

Tyler Woman Hall Of Fame Inductee

People

From Staff & Wire Reports

Mrs. Willie Lee Glass of Tyler was named today as one of 12 women to be inducted into Texas Women's Hall of Fame, Gov. Mark White announced.

"I'm very grateful and very proud," Mrs. Glass said this morning. She said she was notified of her selection to the hall of fame by an 11-member panel Friday, but was asked to keep silent until it was made official today.

Mrs. Glass, who served 24 years as a home economics consultant to Texas Education Agency, is the

widow of former Texas College president Dr. D.R. Glass. She was named Woman of the Year by Zonta Club of Tyler in May.

She is a founder and director of North Tyler Neighborhood Improvement Association, founder of Top Ladies of Distinction and was named first national director of Top Teens of America. She serves on boards of directors at Medical Center Hospital and the University of Texas Health Center at Tyler.

Mrs. Glass joins State Treasurer Ann Richards and author Liz Car-GLASS Page 4, Section 1



MRS. WILLIE LEE GLASS
Civic Leader 'Very Grateful'

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Tyler Honors Willie Lee Glass, 85, On Birthday

By SAMMY ALLEN
Staff Writer

Tyler civic leader Willie Lee Glass received many gifts Thursday for her 85th birthday, including telephone calls, cards and flowers. But the biggest surprise of the day came when Mayor Smith Reynolds Jr. dropped by to present her with a plaque proclaiming "Willie Lee Glass Day."

"I love her," the mayor said of Mrs. Glass, who came to Tyler in 1936 to teach home economics at Texas College. "We've been friends forever. We both went to Iowa State University in Ames."

Mrs. Glass, the widow of late Texas College President Dr. D.R. Glass, has remained active with the school serving as a trustee, adviser and heading many fund drives.

"She has been a tremendous asset to this college and she has tremendous love for it," said Dr. Haywood L. Strickland, Texas College president. "Her hand has touched the lives of so many people over the past 50 years. Wherever I go, people cite her as being instrumental in their success and moving them forward."

Born Aug. 24, 1910, in Nacogdoches, Mrs. Glass' career in education has spanned over 40 years, including 24 years with the Texas Education Agency. In 1985, due to her community service and charitable contributions, she was named Woman of the Year in Tyler. That same year, she was among 12 inductees to the Texas Women's Hall of Fame.



-Staff Photo By John Huseth

WILLIE LEE GLASS, CENTER, RECEIVES PLAQUE Mayor Smith Reynolds Jr., Left, Haywood L. Strickland

"Probably the hardest task I have ever been asked to do was to help with school desegregation in Texas during the 1960s," said Mrs. Glass. "I am proud of the fact it was a rather smooth transition."

The numerous citations, awards and honors that line the stairway and hall of her home are a testimony to her work. Mrs. Glass was a founder of Top Ladies of Distinction, founder and director of the North Tyler Neighborhood Improvement Association and has been involved with numerous other groups.

She has served on the board of directors for 18 institutions including East Texas Medical Center, University of Texas Health Center at Tyler and Stephen F. Austin State

University.

"I'm hoping to write a book," Mrs. Glass said as she reminisced on her long life. "Yes, I'm living in the thanksgiving years of my life. I am drowning in humility, love and gratitude."

Mrs. Glass said she just received a clean bill of health from her doctor and plans to continue enjoying her retirement and her work toward the success of Texas College.

"I, along with the administrators, want Texas College to be a part of Tyler's dream," Mrs. Glass said.

When asked what else she wanted for her birthday, Mrs. Glass said, "Certainly not personal gifts. But my greatest gift would be whatever can be given to Texas College."

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Dr. Willie Lee Dorothy Campbell Glass

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Acknowledgements Pallbearers Internment

Friday, May 7, 1999

10:00 A. M.

Gus F. Taylor Gymnasium - Texas College
2404 North Grand Avenue
Tyler, Texas

3:00 P. M.

St. Paul Christian Methodist Episcopal Church
601 Moore Street
Nacogdoches, Texas



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LIFE PRECIS

BIRTH: Nacogdoches County, Nacogdoches, Texas
PARENTS: Professor E.J. Campbell and Mrs. Mary G. Campbell
MARRIAGE: Dr. Dominion Robert Glass
CHRISTIAN EXPERIENCE: St. Paul Christian Methodist Episcopal Church
Nacogdoches, Texas
EDUCATION: E.J. Campbell High School, Nacogdoches, Texas
Prairie View A & M College, Prairie View, Texas
Iowa State College, Ames, Iowa
Columbia University and Union Theological Seminary, New York, New York
University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wisconsin
CAREER: Teacher; State Consultant - Vocational Education in Home Economics

EXPERIENCE: Virginia State College, Petersburg, Virginia
E.J. Campbell High School, Nacogdoches, Texas
Texas College, Tyler, Texas
Tyler Junior College, Tyler, Texas
Tyler Independent School District, Tyler, Texas
Prairie View A & M College, Prairie View, Texas
Texas Education Agency, Austin, Texas
AFFILIATIONS: St. Paul CME Church, Nacogdoches
Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.
Top Ladies of Distinction, Inc. - A Founder
A viable member of numerous Boards, Commissions, Committees, Social and Civic entities, and Community organizations too numerous to list.
SURVIVORS: She leaves to cherish her memory: a host of cousins, friends, and the Prairie View A & M College Classmates of '31.

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SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS, AWARDS, AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

Commissioned as the Yellow Rose of Texas by Governor Dolph Briscoe.

Served on the Advisory Board of the Hogg Foundation, Austin, Texas.

The recipient of the highest honor given by the National Business and Professional Women's Club -- "Woman of the Year" and the "Sojourner Truth" Awards for distinguished community service.

The Distinguished Alumna Award - PrairieView A & M College.

Elected by the Governor's Board of Regents to work on the centennial committee of Prairie View.

The Home Economics Alumni Centennial Award at Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa.

The Home Economics Building named in her honor, Texas College, Tyler, Texas

Meritorious Community Service Award, Los Angeles, California, and
Award from Texas College Alumni Chapter, Los Angeles, California

"Woman of the Year" by Zonta Club of Tyler

Inducted into the Texas Women's Hall of Fame by Governor Mark White

Special Recognition - "Willie Lee Glass Day" in the city of Tyler

The T.B. Butler Award

Certified as a member of Minority Advisory Group of Tyler Police Department

Honored at the Atrium in the Information of Dallas Market Center sponsored by Museum of African-American Life and Culture.
Theme: "The Black Woman and Economic Development"

Recognition from Texas College for her leading role in raising \$77,000.00 for UNCF

Honorary Degree, Doctor of Humane Letters, from Texas College, Tyler

Honoree, "People of Vision"- By the Smith County Branch of the Texas Society to Prevent Blindness

Featured in the Texas Monthly, 1990, under "Texas Grande Dames" by Skip Hollandworth. "In her golden years, a lady is free to be imperious, incorrigible, impertinent, and altogether indispensable. They know that power is their prerogative and age is their ally. And don't you forget it." "Women who took my classes sent their sons and daughters to me." They said, "You pay your respect to Mrs. Glass. You won't see her kind again."

Confirmed by Honorable Governor Clement as member of Texas Board on Aging. Her tenure of community service was commendable and encompassed the consecutive years of eight governors.

Selected to represent Texas and the U.S. on an official, People-to-People, Delegation to the Soviet Union

Building named Willie Lee Glass Recreation Center by the City of Tyler

PHILANTHROPIC GESTURES

Gave land to the city of Nacogdoches to erect an Early Childhood Center

Gave numerous scholarships to Stephen F. Austin University and Texas College for needy students

An Endowed Chair to Stephen F. Austin University in honor of E.J. Campbell, her father

Proceeds from the sale of her biography, A Psalm of Life, The Story of A Woman Whose Life Made a Difference by Patsy J. Hallman, are donated to Texas College.

Philanthropic Gestures Awards Community Service

Her Remarkable Style

Success Stories

REMARKABLE STYLE OF

Dr. Willie Lee Campbell Glass

Dr. Willie Lee Campbell Glass has done a remarkable service. She grew up black and female in East Texas at a time when that wasn't easy and, in the end, became one of the state's most honored persons. Dr. Glass was one of the 12 inducted (200 were nominated) into the 1985 Texas Women's Hall of Fame created by the Governor's office. Her walls hang with dozens of other awards from local, state and national groups. And she did it all with style ... her own style. Very modest, she credited this enormous success to her upbringing. Dr. Glass was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E.J. Campbell, well-known Nacogdoches educators and community leaders. Her conversations were always alternately sprinkled with quotes from her parents - whom she adored and revered - and with her own quick wit. Education and achievement walked side by side throughout her life. Other than her own career as teacher and consultant to the Texas Education Agency, she was the wife of Dr. D.R. Glass, president of Texas College at Tyler.

Dr. Glass maintained a personal momentum in interpersonal relationship that simply could not be denied. She kept a cool head in some hot times-- a trait for which she was known among some of Tyler's most prominent families.

Dr. Glass accomplished a great deal for herself, but she preferred talking about what's been done for black students. She spent a lifetime teaching young black students to feel good about themselves and believed that she "made it" because of the positive self-image her parents instilled in her. Her goal was to pass along that attitude to her students. She remembered fondly how she opened her home to high school students and students of Texas College. Many times she invited the whole football team over for lunch and taught them appropriate social graces. She told them, "You won't play football all your life." She wanted those young people to feel like somebody.

While serving as a State Consultant for the Texas Education Agency, Dr. Glass called on School superintendents across the state to see that integration was being implemented smoothly. She never knew how it was going to be accepted in the various towns visited, and she did not talk about integration or segregation per se. She used the word "transition." "It's a sweeter word," she would say. Dr. Glass authored a brochure, "Mental Fashions," which depicted all people as being a different shade of brown.

Dr. Glass won friends all over Texas at a time when many blacks and whites would hardly talk to each other. "You just have to know how to touch the other person," she always explained. And, if all else failed, she would mention someone she knew in Nacogdoches. She said that practically everyone knew someone from her hometown -- The oldest city in Texas -- Nacogdoches.

Her Remarkable Style

To accept the award from Governor Mark White in Austin in 1985, Dr. Glass was a guest at the Driskill Hotel, the same hotel that denied this black woman accommodations in the 1950s. Her life was full of such ironic contrast, but none of it seemed to have left her bitter. "No one can make me angry," she would laugh.

Her slow fuse has rubbed off on those who came to her for advice. She would always tell her students what Lyndon Johnson once said about human rights issues. He told us not to fight Nixon, because you don't think when you're mad. She used that in a lot of situations ... don't fight, but think. Most of the time, however, Dr. Glass used her unbeatable charm to win a point.

Dr. Glass considered that her greatest contribution to education was during the 1960's when she developed and implemented techniques and methods at colleges and universities of Texas, preparing teachers to work positively and effectively with ethnic cultures during changes of classroom composition.

Dr. Glass clearly kept a positive outlook on life. She remained candid about education, and worked toward saving black colleges through the United Negro College Fund, Inc. She would say, "Black colleges need to concentrate on doing one thing well and be known for that. They must have a good program, not just be a black college. You simply have to compete in this world we live in."

Her opinions were not always popular - even in Tyler. She would say, "I deal with issues, not personalities, and sometimes I'm misunderstood because of that. I so often have to stand alone because of my beliefs."

Dr. Glass's humility stayed intact, though clearly overwhelmed at her selection to the Hall of Fame. She said her mother always told her not to get excited over recognition. She often said "My father made me feel everything I did was great, but my mother kept me deflated. I guess it was a nice balance."

The name Willie Lee Campbell Glass will be remembered until the end of time. She was our Christian friend, dedicated educator, civic leader, community servant, devoted friend to youth, humanitarian, and Great Lady. May God bless her memory and keep her spirit always.

Her life emulates the words of Timothy ... when he said,

**"I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course,
I have kept the faith:
Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness,
which the Lord,
the righteous Judge,
shall give at that day:
and not to me only,
but unto all them also that love his appearing."**

ORDER OF SERVICE

10:00 A. M.

Gus F. Taylor Gymnasium - Texas College
2404 North Grand Avenue
Tyler, Texas

PRESIDING -----Dr. Haywood L. Strickland, President
Texas College

PRELUDE-----Mr. Ashley Davis, Choir Director
Texas College

PROCESSIONAL-----Clergy, Pallbearers, Participants and Family

HYMN-----The Texas College Concert Choir

INVOCATION -----Reverend Reginald Garrett, Pastor
St. James Christian Methodist Episcopal Church, Tyler

SCRIPTURE

Old Testament (Psalm 27)-----Reverend Woodrow W. Foreman, Jr., Pastor
Miles Chapel Christian Methodist Episcopal Church, Tyler

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SCRIPTURE

New Testament----- Reverend Donald R. Madlock, Presiding Elder
North Tyler District, Tyler

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT/MY GRATITUDE -----Mrs. Loretta Dewberry

SOLO -----Ms. Carolyn Jones
"Wind Beneath My Wings"

TRIBUTE -----Dr. Jesse W. Jones, State Representative, Dallas

EXPRESSIONS -----Mr. Kevin Eltife, Mayor, City of Tyler
Dr. George Hamm, Past President, University of Texas at Tyler
Mr. B.G.. Hartley, President, Southside Bank
Mr. Calvin Clyde, Chairman of the Board, "Tyler Courier Times"
Mrs. Johnnie L. Seastrunk, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.
Mrs. Ora J. Taylor, Top Ladies of Distinction, Inc, Rose City Chapter
Mrs. Dorothy Chimney, National President
Top Ladies Of Distinction, Inc.
Mrs. Dorothy Pendleton, National President
Texas College National Alumni Association, Inc.

SOLO -----Dr. Versia Lacy, Retired College Professor, Dallas
"Amazing Grace"

ORDER OF SERVICE
3:00 P. M.
St. Paul Christian Methodist Episcopal Church
601 Moore
Nacogdoches, Texas

PRESIDING -----Reverend Robert L. Gipson, Pastor

PRELUDE

PROCESSIONAL -----Clergy and Family

HYMN -----St. Paul CME Church Choir

PRAYER

SCRIPTURE

Old Testament

GLORIA PATRI

New Testament

SELECTION -----St. Paul CME Church Choir

EXPRESSIONS -----Mr. Richard Johnson, Mayor, City of Nacogdoches
Dr. Patsy Hallman, Author, A Psalm Of Life
The Story of A Woman Whose Life Made a Difference
Mr. Jack Johnson, President
E.J. Campbell Alumni, Ex-Students, and Friends Association
Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.
Top Ladies of Distinctions, Inc.

EULOGY -----Reverend Robert L. Gipson, Pastor

RECESSIONAL

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Dr. Glass asked that expressions be made to each of you to thank you for all your heartfelt gestures. She was touched by the show of love for her by friends, neighbors, and community. Your thoughtfulness and kindnesses are most appreciated by all of her family and friends.

The Willie Lee Campell Glass Family and Friends

ACTIVE PALLBEARERS

James Anderson
Harold Dean, Jr.
Finis Simpson
Dominion Upshaw
Andy Davis

Judge Quincy Beavers
Thorndike Lewis
Andrew Melontree
Dr. Bobby Stinson
Dolvin A. Upshaw

Melvin Brewer
Clarence McMichael
Ross E. Stansell
Anthony Upshaw

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Alvin Anderson
Calvin Campbell
Hood Davis
Rev. James A. Hawkins
Horace Johnson
Jerry Nasits
Luther Simond

Brother Daryl Bowdre
Calvin Clyde
B. J. Pryor
Dr. William Crowe
Dr. Jesse Jones
Frederick Timms
Percy Simond

Melvin Floyd
Edwin Coffey
Dr. George Hamm
Harold Johnson
Oliver Latimore
Dr. Wiley Roosth
C.L. Simon

An Exchange
for
Eternity
of Time

Dr. Willie Lee Dorothy Campbell Glass

MEMORIAL SERVICE

6:00 P. M.

Ernest S. Sterling Memorial Chapel
302 North Ross Avenue
Tyler, Texas

PRESIDING-----Reverend Andre Dukes
Pastor, Starrville CME Church, Tyler
Associate Professor of Religion, Texas College

PRELUDE-----Mrs. Mary Samples

MUSIC-----Mrs. Johnnie L. Seastrunk
"Beyond The Sunset"

INVOCATION/SCRIPTURE-----Reverend Orenthia Mason
Pastor, Cole Hill CME Church, Tyler

SELECTION-----Audience
"Blessed Assurance"

MEMORIAL TRIBUTES-----Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.
Top Ladies of Distinction, Inc.

EXPRESSIONS

BENEDICTION

In Memory
of
Willie Lee Campbell Glass
Senator Cain offered the following resolution:
(Senate Resolution 890)

WHEREAS, The Texas Senate joins the citizens of Tyler and Nacogdoches in mourning the loss of Willie Lee Campbell Glass, who died May 2, 1999, at the age of 88; and

WHEREAS, Born August 24, 1910, in Nacogdoches, Willie Lee Campbell was the daughter of two educators, the late E. J. and Mary Campbell; Willie graduated from high school as class valedictorian and graduated from Prairie View A&M University in 1931 with a degree in home economics; she earned a master's degree from Iowa State College, where she was one of the first black women to complete the graduate program and the youngest student to receive a master's degree; and

WHEREAS, She joined the faculty at Virginia State College for Negroes and later returned to Nacogdoches to teach at her former high school; she married the president of Texas College, Dr. D. R. Glass on August 27, 1936, and after moving to the college campus in Tyler, Mrs. Glass began inviting groups of students to the president's home to teach etiquette and table manners; Mrs. Glass soon led the homemaking department at Texas College and served as a homemaking education consultant for the Texas Education Agency; and

WHEREAS, Willie Glass was dedicated to her work in the field of education and was an exemplary lady who was respected for her many accomplishments and for her leadership in the community; and

WHEREAS, After her retirement in 1963, Mrs. Glass was the recipient of a number of honors from organizations around the country; she was inducted into the Texas Woman's Hall of Fame in 1985 and received the T. B. Butler Award as Tyler's Most Outstanding Citizen; she was given an honorary doctorate in Humane Letters by Texas College in 1988 and received Prairie View A&M University's Distinguished Alumni Award; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Glass was a member of the Texas College Board of Trustees, the East Texas Lighthouse for the Blind Board, the American Red Cross, The University of Texas at Tyler Foundation, and the Stephen F. Austin State University Foundation; she was a founder and director of the North Tyler Neighborhood Association; and

WHEREAS, A woman of integrity, strength, and generosity, she gave unselfishly of her time to others, and her wisdom, warmth, and valued counsel will not be forgotten by those who knew her; and

WHEREAS, A devout Christian, Mrs. Glass was a member of Saint Paul Christian Methodist Episcopal Church; and

WHEREAS, Willie Lee Glass was a devoted wife to the late Dr. Glass and was dedicated to Texas College and its students; she lived her life to the fullest, and she leaves behind memories that will be treasured forever by her many friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 76th Legislature, hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved friends of Willie Lee Campbell Glass and to the citizens of Nacogdoches and Tyler; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared as an expression of deepest sympathy from the Texas Senate, and that when the Senate adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Willie Lee Glass.

CAIN
NIXON
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The resolution was read.

On motion of Senator Truan and by unanimous consent, the names of the Lieutenant Governor and Senators were added to the resolution as signers thereof.

On motion of Senator Cain and by unanimous consent, the resolution was adopted by a rising vote of the Senate.

*Dr. Willie Lee
Dorothy Campbell Glass*



Portrait of Memory
"An Exchange of Time For Eternity"
August 24, 1910 - May 2, 1999

We, the Glass and Texas College families, thank each of you for all you have done during the time of illness and death of Dr. Willie Lee Dorothy Campbell Glass. It is impossible for you to know and understand how the sharing of your knowledge, kindness, and love gave us consolation and strength to accept the inevitable loss of our dear visionary friend and Ambassador of Love.

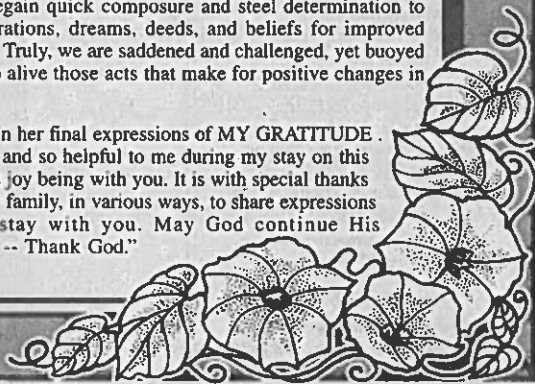
To her ministers, physicians, nurses, therapists, and other care givers, who were so kind and gracious with your services -- we thank you, too.

When we think of her legendary life, we regain quick composure and steel determination to continue pursuing the nobility of her aspirations, dreams, deeds, and beliefs for improved individual and community well-being for all. Truly, we are saddened and challenged, yet buoyed by her undaunted spirit and memory to keep alive those acts that make for positive changes in our surroundings and the world at large.

Dr. Glass best said "goodbye" and "thanks" in her final expressions of MY GRATITUDE .

... "To all who have been so kind, so loving, and so helpful to me during my stay on this earth, I am grateful. It has been a tremendous joy being with you. It is with special thanks to all of you who have come to the aid of my family, in various ways, to share expressions of sympathy. Thanks to God for my stay with you. May God continue His blessings upon you. In the name of Jesus -- Thank God."

The Glass Family





NOMINATION FORM HALF MILE OF HISTORY

Section A: Nomination Information

Name of Nominated person, place or event: Lady, Willie Lee Campbell Glass - "Grande Dame"

The nominee is being honored for outstanding contributions in the area(s) of (please check all that apply):

<input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment/Media	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Philanthropy
<input type="checkbox"/> Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Government/Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religion
<input type="checkbox"/> Arts and Culture	<input type="checkbox"/> Industry	<input type="checkbox"/> Science
<input type="checkbox"/> Aviation	<input type="checkbox"/> Invention/Innovation	<input type="checkbox"/> Sports
<input type="checkbox"/> Business/Corporate Leadership	<input type="checkbox"/> Law	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Community Service	<input type="checkbox"/> Medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> Other
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Oil/Gas	

Section B: Nominator's Information

Name of person making nomination: Memberships of: Top Ladies of Distinction, Inc. - Rose City Chapter

Address: P.O. Box 4459

City: Tyler State: TX Zip: 75712

Daytime telephone: 903-565-6105 Email: _____

Relationship to nominated individual: Legacies 903-372-0036

Nominated Individual's year of death: 1999 Birth: _____

Section C: Narrative

The narrative section of the application is the most important. It is the primary source of information judges use to make their selection of new inductees. Two (2) typed pages of 12-point type is the maximum acceptable length of the narrative. Any additional material will be referred to only for verification of accuracy of the nomination. No submitted materials will be returned.

The narrative section must contain an explanation of the nominee's enduring contribution that make this person/place/event worthy of the honor. Please describe the impact the nominee has had on the community, county, region, nation and/or world. For Individuals, please include any honors earned by the nominee as well as a list of organizations in which the nominee has been involved. Also, please indicate their educational background as well as the length of time the individual has lived in Smith County. Inclusion of photos is preferred but optional. Do not send original photos. All submitted materials will become property of the City of Tyler and its Historical Preservation Board.

Please submit nominations to:
City of Tyler Historical Preservation Board
Attention: Half Mile of History
P.O. Box 2039
Tyler, Texas 75710

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PLANNING DEPARTMENT

"Grande Dame of Texas" - Mrs. Willie Lee Campbell Glass

"Service is the rent we pay for living in God's world"

This is a story of a woman of color who was born into the segregated society that dominated Deep East Texas in the early part of the 20th century. Despite the limitations society imposed, she became a well-educated woman-crossing barrier after barrier that divided ordinary people.

Willie Lee Campbell was a valuable person - a rare one in the United States - for she was a Negro woman with a master's degree. Prior to World War II, that was almost unheard of. In fact, researchers said that in all the country few Blacks held graduate degrees.

Offers from Howard University and her alma mater, Prairie View were attractive, but Willie Lee chose Virginia State, just outside Washington D.C. for her first professional role.

In 1933, about the same time Willie Lee graduated from Iowa State and began her career in Virginia, the country elected a new president, the Democrat Franklin D. Roosevelt was chosen. Willie Lee and her fellow professors were in Washington for the inauguration.

Representing the new president, one of Mrs. Roosevelt's first visits was to Virginia State University. Not only was she interested in the welfare of the whole country she was one of the first national leaders to highlight the needs of African Americans. Visiting a Negro college was one way she began this effort. Willie Lee Campbell was director of the Home Management House at the time and was delegated to coordinate and host the First Lady for dinner on the day of her visit.

After three years of teaching at Virginia State, Willie Lee went home to Nacogdoches due to illness. By the end of the summer she had recuperated and began the fall semester as the home economics teacher in the Nacogdoches Colored High School.

Willie Lee and Professor D. R. Glass, then president of Texas College in Tyler, Texas met at a dinner party. They grew fond of each other as their relationship developed. One particular evening after a grand dinner in the Campbell dining room, the couple sat together on the front porch and Mr. Glass proposed. Willie Lee accepted with what Mr. Glass reported, was the dignity of a lady and the sureness of his beloved.

They were married, and as soon as the honeymoon was over and President and Mrs. Glass were back home in Tyler, her real career began. It seemed that all her schooling and all her experiences had prepared her for the task of being the best possible college president's wife.

Mrs. Glass taught home economics at Texas College from 1939 to 1950. During that time a modern building was erected on the campus for the home economics program. It was appropriately named the "Willie Lee Glass Building."

She became acquainted with Tyler's elected officials, bankers, ministers, and in fact, with all the people who could help make Texas College a place of excellence. She was the invisible superintendent of buildings and grounds, purchasing agent, dietitian, general troubleshooter for the college, and with all that, she had time to be an excellent teacher.

By 1950, far-sighted educators could see that integration of the public schools was inevitable - it was simply a matter of time. In Texas, the commissioner of education offered Mrs. Glass a position with the Texas Education Agency. She served as a consultant under ten Texas governors from 1950 to 1977.

Mrs. Glass joined other strong black women to found a national organization that impacts women and youth. *Top Ladies of Distinction, Inc.*, was established for women from many nations who had achieved distinction in culture, education, business, finance, or community service. The national organization was incorporated under the laws of the state of Texas, September 8, 1964. Mrs. Glass hosted the first meeting in Tyler at Texas College on June 4, 1965.

Mrs. Glass' legacy of work in *Top Ladies of Distinction and Top Teens of America* continues today. She spent years helping establish chapter in towns across Texas and states across the nation. Her work in providing workshops for youth is recognized as some of the most vital programming during the years of transition. Annually the organization awards national *Willie Lee Glass Academic Scholarships* to deserving high school senior graduates across the nation.

There are numerous local civic and social organizations that Mrs. Glass had a large stake in, either as founder, co-founder, or as an interested and dedicated member. She played major leadership roles in helping groups clarify their mission and in planning ways their work would benefit the general community. One of the organizations was Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. She established a collegiate chapter at Texas College and, helped the alumnae members purchase a house. The City of Tyler sold to the chapter, the former *Ella Reed Negro Public Library* building of which she was a trustee. Today, it is used as a service center for the community and recently received recognition as a *Tyler Historical landmark*.

Other state and national activities noted include the following: In 1969, Mrs. Glass was invited to attend the White House Conference on Children and Youth preparation, and in 1981 she was appointed to the Texas Board on Aging by then Gov. Bill Clements.

Retirement simply meant a change of work for Mrs. Glass. She moved from paid employment to a full life of volunteerism, lending her name and her talents to innumerable causes until her death on May 2, 1999.

The long record of service and contributions in many areas is an example for others of how one person can have an impact and make a significant difference in a very positive way.

It is desired by members of the Rose City Chapter of Top Ladies of Distinction, Inc. that the Tyler Historical and Preservation Board consider bestowing the city's *Half Mile of History* award in memory of the late Mrs. Willie Lee Campbell Glass - "*Grande Dame of Texas*."

Submitted with permission by: Dorothy J. Franks (09-21-2009)

Source of Information - BOOK:

Hallman, Patsy J., Ph.D - *A Psalm of Life (Willie Lee Campbell Glass)*
The Story of A Woman Whose Life Made a Difference, Austin, Texas;
Eakin Press, 1998.

HONORS AND AWARDS

Mrs. Willie Lee Campbell Glass' retirement years were filled with honors. The following list is a long and impressive one that includes honors, awards and activity involvement that serve as testimonials to the quality of her life and, her work.

Local (Tyler, Smith County)	State (Texas)	National/International
-Tyler Citizen of the Year	-Texas Women's Hall of Fame	-Washington D.C.: White House Conference on Aging
-Golden Eagle Award	-Texas Monthly Magazine: "Grande Dame of Texas"	California: Los Angeles Community Service Award
-Tyler Philanthropist of the Year	-Nacogdoches Woman's Hall of Fame	-Iowa: Outstanding Alumna, Iowa State University
-Zonta Club Woman of the Year	-Nacogdoches AAUW Service	-Scandinavia, Poland, Soviet Union: <i>People-to-People</i> U. S. Delegation
-United Way of Tyler	-Texas: Board on Aging (Governor Bill Clements)	(President D. D. Eisenhower)
-People of Vision Award	-Dallas Negro Hall of Fame	-California: Key to the City of Los Angeles
-Sojourner Truth Award	-Prairie View A&M Univ - Distinguished Alumna	-Future Homemakers of America Hall of Fame
-T. B. Butler Outstanding Citizen	-Nacogdoches "Old Timers Breakfast" Hall of Fame	-Washington D.C.: White House Conference on Children and Youth Preparation
-Tyler street named in her honor	-Resolution H.R. No. 243 Austin, TX: The State of Texas House of Rep	-Washington D.C.: First Lady E. Roosevelt's Dinner party at (Virginia State University)
-Tyler: "Willie Lee Campbell Day"	-Resolution H.S. No. 257 Austin, TX: The Senate	-Washington D.C.: First Lady L. B. Johnson invite to attend a Women's Power luncheon
-Texas College: Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters		
-Tyler: Glass Recreation Center		
-Tyler: Women in Tyler Honoree		
-Texas College: Willie Lee Glass Community Development Center		
-Tyler: Carter Blood Care Community Memorial Drive at Texas College		

It is easy to see from a review of her accomplishments that all of the honors accorded to Mrs. Glass were well deserved. They reflect well on the recipient and the Tyler community.

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A Psalm of Life

Willie Lee Campbell Glass

