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H.R. No. 103

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The untimely passing of Dallas civic leader Carolyn  
2 Coleman Clack on June 7, 2003, at the age of 60, has brought a  
3 profound sadness to her family as well as to her wide circle of  
4 friends; and

5           WHEREAS, Mrs. Clack was born on December 22, 1942, the only  
6 daughter in the family of James Robert Coleman and Margaret Louise  
7 Coleman; growing up, she shared her parents' nurturing home with  
8 two siblings--her brothers Richard Dennis Coleman and James Robert  
9 Coleman, Jr.; and

10           WHEREAS, An alumna of Immaculate Conception High School in  
11 Memphis, Tennessee, where she was a member of the class of 1960, she  
12 went on to attend Memphis State University, from which she received  
13 a bachelor's degree in business administration in 1964; and

14           WHEREAS, Mrs. Clack formerly worked as a flight attendant for  
15 Delta Airlines, one of the leading companies in the airline  
16 industry; during that time she was based in three major Southern  
17 business centers, Memphis, New Orleans, and Dallas; and

18           WHEREAS, This lovely lady and her devoted husband, Thomas E.  
19 Clack, enjoyed a warm and fulfilling relationship based on a solid  
20 foundation of mutual love, respect, and admiration, and their  
21 enduring union served as an inspiring example to their loved ones;  
22 Mrs. Clack took great pleasure in her role as a wife and as the  
23 mother of two cherished children, a son, Brian Thomas Clack, and a  
24 daughter, Joanna Louise Clack; and

1           WHEREAS, Strongly supportive of her community, Mrs. Clack  
2 played a vital and much-appreciated part in several Dallas-area  
3 organizations, giving of her time and talents without reserve while  
4 serving on the board of directors of the Junior Symphony League, the  
5 Parents Club of St. Mark's School of Texas, and The Hockaday School;  
6 she was also a lifelong member of the Catholic Church and a valued  
7 congregant of All Saints Catholic Church in Dallas; and

8           WHEREAS, An adventurous, spirited individual, Mrs. Clack  
9 enjoyed journeys to a number of exotic locations around the globe;  
10 among her travels, she was fortunate to have the opportunity to  
11 visit the Far East, spending time in both China and Japan; in  
12 addition, this intrepid traveler immersed herself in the culture  
13 and history of Russia when her lively curiosity led her to visit  
14 Moscow and Leningrad during the days of the Soviet Union; and

15           WHEREAS, Throughout her life, Mrs. Clack demonstrated a deep  
16 commitment to her family and her church, and she brightened the  
17 lives of countless people as a friend and generous volunteer in her  
18 community; those who were privileged to know her will treasure the  
19 memory of this remarkable woman's courage, strength, and grace for  
20 many years to come; now, therefore, be it

21           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas  
22 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the life of  
23 Carolyn Coleman Clack and extend sincere sympathy to the members of  
24 her family: to her husband, Thomas E. Clack of Dallas; to her son,  
25 Brian Thomas Clack of New York, New York; to her daughter, Joanna  
26 Louise Clack of Los Angeles, California; to her mother, Margaret  
27 Louise Coleman of Memphis, Tennessee; to her brother, Richard

1 Dennis Coleman of Memphis, Tennessee; and to all those who mourn the  
2 passing of this beloved woman; and, be it further

3       RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
4 prepared for the members of her family and that when the Texas House  
5 of Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Carolyn  
6 Coleman Clack.