

By: Coleman

H.R. No. 65

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The family and many friends of Barbara Gray were
2 deeply saddened by the untimely passing of this remarkable woman on
3 July 27, 2003, at the age of 53; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in rural South Dakota, Ms. Gray knew from a
5 young age that she would one day become a lawyer, even in a time when
6 few women were welcomed into the profession; after earning a
7 bachelor's degree from The University of Texas at Austin, she
8 taught English in Panama for two years before attending the
9 University of Houston Law Center, where she was an honor student and
10 a member of the law review; and

11 WHEREAS, This exceptional woman earned the third highest
12 score among hundreds taking the Texas bar examination and went on to
13 become the first female partner at the respected Lidell Sapp law
14 firm; highly regarded for her integrity and ability, she worked in
15 various executive positions in the legal department of Enron
16 Capital and Trade, and her outstanding ability earned her the
17 respect and admiration of all who worked with her; and

18 WHEREAS, A woman who cherished her faith and family, she
19 enjoyed worshiping at St. Philip Presbyterian Church in Houston and
20 the First Presbyterian Church of Navasota and often volunteered for
21 CanCare Ministries; she was a proud and devoted mother to her
22 children and stepchildren and adored her husband, Ed; and

23 WHEREAS, Barbara Gray was blessed with unshakeable strength
24 and an indomitable spirit that enabled her to courageously battle

1 cancer; she leaves a legacy of wisdom, genuine compassion, and
2 unselfish love for others that will remain treasured by those
3 fortunate enough to have shared her life, and she will be greatly
4 missed; now, therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
6 Legislature, 2nd Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the life of
7 Barbara Gray and extend sincere sympathy to her family: to her
8 husband, Ed; to her children, Whitney and Max; to her stepchildren,
9 Erin, Brian, and his wife, Stephanie; to her parents, Milo and Jean
10 Nelson; to her grandchildren, Jacy, Jenna, and Jordan; to her
11 sisters and brother-in-law, Betty and Robert Sanders and Becky
12 Truitt; to her brother and sister-in-law, Brad and Nila Nelson; and
13 to the other relatives and many friends of this beloved woman; and,
14 be it further

15 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
16 prepared for her family and that when the Texas House of
17 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Barbara
18 Gray.