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H.R. No. 8

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The city of Kerrville has lost a highly respected
2 member of its community with the passing of Dr. Patricia Strickbine
3 Van Reet on March 24, 2004, at the age of 52; and

4 WHEREAS, Dr. Van Reet's childhood was filled with adventure;
5 born in Trieste, Italy, she and her family moved to the United
6 States of America when she was only six weeks old; her father served
7 in the U.S. Army, and, consequently, she had the opportunity to
8 experience life in different cultures, growing up in Germany and
9 then El Paso; and

10 WHEREAS, She excelled in academia and graduated from The
11 University of Texas at El Paso with honors; after completing her
12 residency and fellowship in neurology at Baylor College of
13 Medicine, Dr. Van Reet established a practice in San Antonio,
14 becoming the first female neurologist in that city and later in
15 Kerrville; and

16 WHEREAS, Along with her practice in Kerrville, Dr. Van Reet
17 also served as medical director of Peterson Hospice and helped to
18 create its palliative care unit; despite her busy schedule, she
19 still set aside time for various organizations, including the
20 Executive Woman's Club of Kerrville, the Hill Country Book Club,
21 and the Hill Country Emmaus Community; she was also a member of
22 Notre Dame Catholic Church and the First United Methodist Church in
23 Kerrville; and

24 WHEREAS, Strongly dedicated to her profession, Dr. Van Reet

1 was a galvanizing force in both Kerrville's medical circles and the
2 wider community; her patients benefited from her expert care and
3 encouraging spirit, and her coworkers gained much from her presence
4 as mentor and teacher; her absence will be deeply felt by all who
5 were fortunate enough to have known her; now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
7 Legislature, 4th Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the life of
8 Dr. Patricia Strickbine Van Reet and extend sincere sympathy to the
9 members of her family: to her husband, Robert Kelly; to her son,
10 Alan Van Reet; to her mother, Claudia Boehmer; to her sisters,
11 Barbara Burc and Michel Witherow; to her stepson, Daniel Kelly; to
12 her grandson, Connor Michael Kelly; and to her other relatives and
13 friends; and, be it further

14 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
15 prepared for the members of her family and that when the Texas House
16 of Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Dr.
17 Patricia Strickbine Van Reet.