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H.R. No. 260

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The untimely passing of Theresa Rose "Tess" Giolma
2 of San Antonio on March 3, 2004, at the age of 57, has brought a
3 profound loss to the family and many friends of this esteemed woman;
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5 WHEREAS, Born June 24, 1946, to Lieutenant Louis S. and
6 Rachel Karably, Mrs. Giolma attended the University of Florida and
7 earned a bachelor's degree in political science and a master's
8 degree in education; it was during those years that she met and
9 married her husband, Paul Giolma; and

10 WHEREAS, After moving to San Antonio in 1975, Mrs. Giolma
11 became deeply involved in the community, donating her time and
12 talents to a number of worthy causes and organizations; a member of
13 the Mahnke Park Neighborhood Association, she was instrumental in
14 the retransformation of Lamar Elementary into a mainstream school,
15 served with the Women's Political Caucus, was appointed to the
16 city's Board of Adjustments, and officiated as chair of San
17 Antonio's City Planning Commission; and

18 WHEREAS, Highly dedicated to ensuring the election of quality
19 political candidates, Mrs. Giolma devoted her energy and expertise
20 to an array of political campaigns in the 1980s and 1990s, including
21 Ann Richards's gubernatorial and reelection races; she displayed
22 the utmost professionalism throughout her career, and her record of
23 excellence was recognized with an appointment to the State Board of
24 Optometry; and

1 WHEREAS, A woman of tremendous courage and integrity, Tess
2 Giolma served her city and state with pride and distinction,
3 demonstrating rare drive and determination in all her endeavors,
4 and although she will be greatly missed, her legacy will live on in
5 the hearts and minds of those whose lives she touched; now,
6 therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
8 Legislature, 4th Called Session, hereby pay special tribute to the
9 life of Theresa Rose Giolma and extend deepest sympathy to the
10 members of her family: to her husband, Paul Giolma; to her son,
11 Matthew Giolma; to her parents, Colonel Louis S. and Rachel
12 Karably; to her sister, Deborah Karably Lazar; to her brothers,
13 Louis S. Karably, Jr., David Karably, and Kenneth Karably; and to
14 the other relatives and friends of this beloved and admired woman;
15 and, be it further

16 RESOLVED, That when the Texas House of Representatives
17 adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Theresa Rose "Tess" Giolma.