

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 44

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to pay tribute to Naomi Rose Ferry Haza of Columbus, Indiana, on the grand occasion of her 80th birthday; and

WHEREAS, Naomi Rose was born on June 1, 1924, in Columbus, Indiana, to Peter and Florence Habig Ferry, and was the youngest of seven children; she was baptized, confirmed, and later married at Saint Bartholomew Catholic Church; she attended Saint Bartholomew Elementary School and graduated from Columbus High School in 1941; and

WHEREAS, An excellent student, Naomi Rose was a voracious reader from an early age; she was a creative writer, performed in many school plays, and enjoyed tap dancing; she continues her love for the theater and will observe her 80th birthday with a trip to New York to see some Broadway shows; and

WHEREAS, Naomi Rose Ferry met a young military pilot, Lieutenant Eugene E. "Gene" Haza, at the end of World War II, and the couple married on September 4, 1945; they enjoyed a long and happy union of 58 years and were blessed with eight children, Colin, Kevin, Kim, Karen, Kelly, Craig, Kathleen, and Keith; and

WHEREAS, A devoted mother, Mrs. Haza was deeply involved in the lives of her children; she was active in the Daughters of Isabella and volunteered at her children's parochial school; she served as a Cub Scout den mother, followed her children's Little League games, assisted in their paper routes, and cared for countless pets; and

WHEREAS, She helped organize the original Mead Village Fourth of July parade, a tradition that continues today; an avid sports fan, she follows college basketball, professional football, and auto racing, and she frequently visits her children, her 22 grandchildren, and her nine great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Haza is a distinguished and respected member of her community and is noted for her compassion for others and her enthusiasm for living each day to the fullest; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 78th Legislature, 4th Called Session, hereby congratulate Naomi Rose Ferry Haza on her 80th birthday and extend best wishes for a jubilant birthday celebration; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for her as a memento of this special day.

Wentworth

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 3, 2004.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate