

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The city of Port Neches lost a committed advocate
2 and beloved friend with the passing of Mayor Frances K. Monk on July
3 3, 2002; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in Wichita Falls, Mayor Monk received a
5 bachelor's degree from North Texas State University and shortly
6 after worked as a linguist for the United States Department of
7 Defense in Washington, where she helped to create the first
8 Vietnamese to English dictionary in the nation; and

9 WHEREAS, A 52-year resident of Port Neches, Mayor Monk had a
10 love for serving and representing her city; following a
11 distinguished teaching career that spanned 32 years, she was
12 elected to the Port Neches City Council, where she spent 15 years;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, In recognition of her dedication to her community,
15 she was elected mayor of Port Neches in 1996, and she held that
16 position at the time of her death; and

17 WHEREAS, Mrs. Monk served in numerous positions in her
18 community, including president of the South East Texas Regional
19 Planning Commission, board member of the Port Neches Chamber of
20 Commerce, and president of the Texas Association of Regional
21 Councils of Government; and

22 WHEREAS, Duly recognized for her efforts, Mayor Monk was
23 honored with the Tom Bradley Leadership Award in 2002, was named
24 Distinguished Citizen of the Year by the Port Neches Rotary Club,

1 and was presented the Yellow Rose of Texas award by Representative
2 Allan Ritter on behalf of Governor Rick Perry; and

3 WHEREAS, This beloved woman considered her four children and
4 nine grandchildren to be the most important people in her life; her
5 love of the Port Neches community and her dedication to its
6 well-being will long be remembered, and her memory will surely live
7 on in the hearts and minds of the many people whose lives she
8 touched; now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
10 Legislature honor the life of Frances K. Monk and extend sincere
11 sympathy to her family: to her children, Stephen Paul Monk, Michael
12 Bruce Monk, Robert King Monk, and Debra M. Hebert; to her
13 grandchildren; and to her many friends and supporters; and, be it
14 further

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

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H.R. No. 127

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 127 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on March 28, 2003.

Chief Clerk of the House