

By: Ritter

H.R. No. 127

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.