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H.R. No. 272

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Words cannot adequately express the sorrow felt at
2 the tragic and untimely loss of Janice Roberson, a beloved Waco
3 educator and community leader who died February 14, 2003, at the age
4 of 61; and

5 WHEREAS, Born January 27, 1942, in Winslow, Arizona, Mrs.
6 Roberson attended public school in Lake Arthur, New Mexico, where
7 she completed high school as valedictorian in 1960; she went on to
8 graduate from Methodist Hospital School of Nursing in Lubbock, earn
9 a bachelor's degree from The University of Texas, and receive a
10 graduate degree in education from Texas Woman's University; and

11 WHEREAS, Mrs. Roberson worked as a psychiatric nurse and then
12 taught vocational nursing in Lubbock before moving with her family
13 to Waco in 1969; she was associated with McLennan Community College
14 (MCC) for 31 years, beginning as a registered nursing instructor
15 and later serving as director of the registered nursing program and
16 as division director of health sciences programs; in addition to
17 overseeing the eight fields of study within her division, she was
18 active in developing and improving nursing and health career
19 programs throughout the state; and

20 WHEREAS, A valued member of the Waco community, Mrs. Roberson
21 was selected as a Leadership Waco candidate, worked with the senior
22 citizens council, and served on the board of Planned Parenthood;
23 and

24 WHEREAS, Janice Roberson was married in 1963 to David Edward

1 Roberson, and the couple rejoiced as their family grew to include a
2 son, daughter-in-law, and grandson; and

3 WHEREAS, Devoted to her family, engaged in her community, and
4 committed to advancing health careers education in the Lone Star
5 State, Mrs. Roberson aided and enriched the lives of countless
6 individuals over the years, and her memory will be forever
7 cherished by those who were blessed to share her love and
8 friendship; now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
10 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Janice Roberson and
11 extend sincere sympathy to the members of her family: to her
12 husband, David E. Roberson, Sr.; to her son, David E. Roberson, Jr.,
13 and his wife, Kristen; to her grandson, David E. Roberson III; to
14 her sister, Carolyn Opfer; and to her other relatives and many
15 friends; and, be it further

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