

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Judy Shepard, who experienced a shattering loss when  
2 her beloved son, Matthew, became the victim of a hate crime, is  
3 bringing her message of acceptance and civil rights to The  
4 University of Texas on April 21, 2003, when she makes an address at  
5 the LBJ Auditorium; and

6           WHEREAS, The "Legacy of Matthew Shepard" national speaking  
7 program keeps alive the memory of Matthew Shepard's gentle spirit  
8 and the inevitable tragic consequences of ignorance and bigotry;  
9 the noble and selfless work of Mrs. Shepard and the Matthew Shepard  
10 Foundation aids victims of hate crimes or other forms of  
11 discrimination in securing resources essential to obtaining needed  
12 assistance; and

13           WHEREAS, The University of Texas is hosting the presentation  
14 by Mrs. Shepard in furtherance of her mission to educate and replace  
15 hate with understanding, acceptance, and compassion; and

16           WHEREAS, The unimaginable grief that ensues from the loss of  
17 a child has moved this courageous woman to wage an implacable and  
18 inspiring campaign to end the incomprehensible intolerance that  
19 rends the lives of family and friends; and

20           WHEREAS, The efforts of Mrs. Shepard serve to remind us that  
21 diversity must not divide us; rather, society must weave a glorious  
22 quilt patterned by the unique and special attributes of our  
23 humanity; now, therefore, be it

24           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas

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1 Legislature hereby honor Judy Shepard for her commitment to  
2 educating the public on the important issue of human rights as she  
3 helps to promote respect and dignity for all; and, be it further

4       RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
5 presented to Mrs. Shepard as an expression of highest regard by the  
6 Texas House of Representatives.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 668 was adopted by the House on April 2, 2003, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House