

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Houston community lost a beloved friend when Bea
2 Baker passed away on July 3, 1999, at the age of 63; and

3 WHEREAS, Ms. Baker provided a lifetime of service to the
4 prestigious Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo; her enthusiastic
5 commitment to Texas youth and her generous, loving spirit graced
6 and profoundly influenced the group since her first involvement in
7 1959; and

8 WHEREAS, The deeply held personal values of Ms. Baker, such
9 as hard work, perseverance, compassion, and dedication to
10 excellence, guaranteed that any job would be accomplished and that
11 people around her would be treated with individual dignity; and

12 WHEREAS, Enjoying full membership in the Houston Farm and
13 Ranch Club, the Harris County Fair Association, and the Delta Alpha
14 Fraternity, and a life member of the Houston Livestock Show and
15 Rodeo, Ms. Baker also was recognized as an honorary chapter farmer
16 of the Katy and Katy Taylor FFA and an honorary state farmer; other
17 honors included a Distinguished Service Award from the Texas
18 Association of the National FFA and the 1999 Citation for
19 Outstanding Service to 4-H, the highest honor given to former
20 members and friends of 4-H in Texas; and

21 WHEREAS, Ms. Baker devoted selfless hours and boundless
22 energy to teach young Texans the virtues of honest competition, the
23 satisfaction reaped from meaningful pursuits, and the rewards that
24 accompany hard-earned accomplishments; and

1 WHEREAS, The director of the show's calf scramble for more
2 than 20 years, Ms. Baker's contributions embodied the essence of
3 the "Show With a Heart" theme for which the Houston Livestock Show
4 and Rodeo has become well known; and

5 WHEREAS, The memories of Ms. Baker's kindness and
6 consideration will survive her passing, and the example of a life
7 lived well for the benefit of others will be her legacy; now,
8 therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
10 Legislature hereby honor the life of Beatrice Mae Pearson Baker and
11 extend sincere sympathy to the members of her family: to her
12 children, Debbie Larsen, Randal "Bubba" Baker, and D. Bruce Baker
13 and his wife, Terrie Baker; to her grandchildren, Heather Anderson,
14 Kristi Baker, Cameron Baker, Hayden Baker, and Riley Baker; to her
15 great-grandchildren, Brittany, Jared, Jacob, and Joshua Anderson;
16 to her sister, Minnie Lou McAdoo; and to her many other relatives
17 and beloved friends; and, be it further

18 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
19 prepared for her family and that when the Texas House of
20 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Bea Baker.

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H.R. No. 855

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 855 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on May 23, 2003.

Chief Clerk of the House