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H.R. No. 855

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.