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H.R. No. 1504

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The death of Linda Halliday Mafrige on May 20, 2003,
2 at the age of 63, has brought a great loss to the many friends and
3 relatives of this beloved woman; and

4 WHEREAS, Mrs. Mafrige was born in Washington Court House,
5 Ohio, to proud parents Carroll and Louise Halliday; after
6 graduating from Washington High School, where she was a majorette
7 and played in the school band, she attended Stephens College and
8 later graduated from Ohio State University with a degree in home
9 economics; and

10 WHEREAS, Known and admired for her outstanding culinary
11 skills, Mrs. Mafrige was also a charming hostess who helped to make
12 every get-together, from tailgate parties to black tie affairs, a
13 memorable event; while working at Houston Natural Gas, she authored
14 the first cookbook for gas grills, and during her lifetime she was
15 honored with the prestigious Betty Lamp Award as Home Economist of
16 the Year in Harris County; and

17 WHEREAS, Together with her husband, Ron, Mrs. Mafrige made
18 significant and lasting contributions to generations of young
19 Texans by helping to establish numerous endowments and scholarships
20 for students of Texas universities; her commitment to Sam Houston
21 State University is evidenced by the Ron and Linda Mafrige
22 Auditorium, which was named in honor of this generous couple; and

23 WHEREAS, Actively committed to improving the quality of life
24 of those throughout her community, Mrs. Mafrige enjoyed supporting

1 the 100 Club, the Make-A-Wish Foundation, Chapelwood United
2 Methodist Church, and the Wednesday Charity Club, among other
3 organizations; and

4 WHEREAS, A woman of many diverse interests, Mrs. Mafrige took
5 pleasure in reading, gardening, snow skiing, tennis, and golf, and
6 she achieved the golfer's dream of making a hole-in-one; and

7 WHEREAS, Mrs. Mafrige was a cherished wife and mother who
8 devoted herself to her family, friends, and community; with her
9 gracious spirit, quick wit, sparkling blue eyes, and knowing wink,
10 this gracious woman touched the lives of many people, and though her
11 presence will be deeply missed, her memory will continue to warm and
12 light the hearts of all who were privileged to know her; now,
13 therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
15 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Linda Halliday
16 Mafrige and extend sincere sympathy to her family: to her husband,
17 Ron Mafrige; to her son, Rocky Mafrige and his wife, Joe'l; to her
18 brother, John Halliday; and to her many other relatives and
19 friends; and, be it further

20 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
21 prepared for the members of her family and that when the Texas House
22 of Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Linda
23 Halliday Mafrige.