

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Emma Perry, a longtime resident of Abilene, Texas,  
2 died Friday, August 5, 2005, at the age of 104, after a lifetime of  
3 service to others; and

4           WHEREAS, She was the oldest living breast cancer survivor in  
5 North America and was the last of 10 children in her family to pass  
6 away; and

7           WHEREAS, She was born February 4, 1901, in Coffee County,  
8 Tennessee; and

9           WHEREAS, She and her late husband, Litt Perry, moved to  
10 Abilene in 1926 following their marriage in Fort Worth; and

11           WHEREAS, She became the first individual in Abilene to  
12 operate a comptometer, a primitive but quite fast adding machine,  
13 and taught classes on its use at Draughn's Business School; and

14           WHEREAS, Mrs. Perry also worked for Musser Lumber Company and  
15 West Texas Utilities as an office clerk and secretary; and

16           WHEREAS, She and her husband, Litt, owned and operated the  
17 Perry Dental Lab in Abilene; and

18           WHEREAS, She was a charter member of Cora Posey Order of the  
19 Eastern Star and a member of the Social Order Beauceant; and

20           WHEREAS, She and Mr. Perry founded the First Christian  
21 Hispanic Mission at Graham Street and Ambler Avenue in the  
22 mid-1950s; and

23           WHEREAS, The First Christian Church of Abilene recently named  
24 one of its fellowship centers the Litt and Emma Perry Missions

1 Building; and

2 WHEREAS, A Sunday school class at the church named the Perry  
3 Class has been active for almost 50 years; and

4 WHEREAS, This great lady was well respected and loved by the  
5 entire congregation where she worshipped; and

6 WHEREAS, Her funeral service was held at the First Christian  
7 Church of Abilene on Wednesday, August 10, 2005, with Dr. Tom Lyda  
8 and Dr. Chris Diebel officiating, and her burial followed in Cedar  
9 Hill Cemetery in the city; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas  
11 Legislature, 2nd Called Session, hereby honor the wonderful life of  
12 Emma Perry and her devoted service to her church, her community, and  
13 her family.

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H.R. No. 181

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 181 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on August 10, 2005.

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Chief Clerk of the House