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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, With the passing of Suzanne Ray Taylor on August 14,
2 2005, at the age of 68, a life filled with many joyful times and
3 meaningful accomplishments drew to a close; and

4 WHEREAS, Mrs. Taylor was a native of New York City, where she
5 was born to John and Julia Ray on January 2, 1937; in 1946 she moved
6 with her family from Westchester County, New York, to Texas; the
7 Rays established their home in Dallas, the city their daughter
8 called home for much of her life; and

9 WHEREAS, A member of the Hillcrest High School Class of 1954,
10 Mrs. Taylor was an alumna of Stephens College and went on to
11 graduate from Southern Methodist University in 1958; while
12 attending SMU, she was named Rotunda Beauty by her classmates; and

13 WHEREAS, After completing her education, Mrs. Taylor
14 embarked on a notable, long-term career as a model, a career open to
15 few and requiring immense reserves of discipline, commitment, and
16 stamina; she enjoyed well-deserved success and worked for Neiman
17 Marcus in New York City and the Kim Dawson Agency in Dallas, in
18 addition to spending time in Europe; and

19 WHEREAS, An astute businesswoman, moreover, Mrs. Taylor
20 demonstrated impressive abilities as an entrepreneur during the
21 quarter-century that she owned the Suzanne Dietz Photography
22 Studio; and

23 WHEREAS, This lovely lady exchanged wedding vows with John
24 Greene Taylor on December 8, 1984, and the couple made their home in

1 the Highland Park area of Dallas; Mrs. Taylor took great pride in
2 her roles as wife and mother, and her life was further enriched with
3 the arrival of three granddaughters and the attendant joys of
4 grandparenting; and

5 WHEREAS, Not only beautiful but blessed with many talents,
6 especially of an artistic nature, this treasured woman developed
7 her gifts over the course of pleasurable hours devoted to drawing
8 and painting; and

9 WHEREAS, Suzanne Taylor's gracious nature, generosity, and
10 enthusiasm for life won the hearts of all who knew her; although she
11 is sorely missed, she will long be remembered with deep affection by
12 those who were fortunate enough to share in the warmth of her love
13 and friendship; now, therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
15 Legislature, 2nd Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the life and
16 accomplishments of Suzanne Ray Taylor and extend sincere sympathy
17 to the members of her family: to her husband, John Greene Taylor; to
18 her daughter, Kimberly Harrell; to her granddaughters, Alexis,
19 Taylor, and Mackenzie; to her brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Roy
20 and Mary Taylor; to her cousins, Janet Stainaker and Stanfield
21 Frost; and to her other relatives and friends; and, be it further

22 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
23 prepared for her family and that when the Texas House of
24 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Suzanne Ray
25 Taylor.