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H.R. No. 230

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The citizens of El Campo and the State of Texas lost  
2 a noted civic leader and special education advocate with the  
3 passing of Mary Meyers Rosenfield, who died on April 16, 2006, at  
4 the age of 95; and

5           WHEREAS, Born in Lubcha, Minsk, in Russia on June 1, 1910,  
6 Mrs. Rosenfield immigrated to America with her family in 1911,  
7 settling in El Campo where she graduated from high school in 1929;  
8 she attended the College of Industrial Arts in Denton to study art  
9 and design and married George Rosenfield in 1937; and

10           WHEREAS, After becoming aware of their daughter's mental  
11 retardation and refusing to let her child be denied learning  
12 opportunities, Mrs. Rosenfield founded her own school, which soon  
13 opened its doors to other area children, and she began an advocacy  
14 role that would lead to impressive improvements in the lives of  
15 countless Texans with developmental disabilities; she was  
16 instrumental in the founding of the Meadow Lane School, now the  
17 Meadow Lane Resource Center, and in developing El Campo's first  
18 special education curriculum; her efforts contributed to the  
19 establishment of the El Campo Opportunity Center and the Second  
20 Time Around Shop, as well as to the Richmond State School in Fort  
21 Bend County, which opened in 1968; and

22           WHEREAS, In addition to activities with the Voice of the  
23 Retarded, Parents Association for Retarded Texans, the Richmond  
24 State School Parents Association, and the Association of Retarded

1 Citizens, Mrs. Rosenfield benefited a host of other groups with her  
2 membership; she was a charter member of the El Campo American Legion  
3 Auxiliary in El Campo, one of the longest serving life members of  
4 the Jewish women's service organization, Hadassah, and a member of  
5 Congregation Beth Yeshrun and the El Campo Garden Club; moreover,  
6 she volunteered with the Nightingale Hospital and El Campo Memorial  
7 Hospital, helped establish the El Campo Branch Library, and gave of  
8 her time and talents to the Wharton County Youth Fair and the BEES  
9 of El Campo; and

10 WHEREAS, In recognition of her impressive contributions to  
11 her community and this state, Mrs. Rosenfield was inducted into the  
12 Texas Women's Hall of Fame in 2004; she also was named the El Campo  
13 Citizen of the Year in 2003, and earned praise from Governor Rick  
14 Perry, who honored her with the Yellow Rose Award for her work in  
15 behalf of mentally retarded citizens of Texas; and

16 WHEREAS, Mary Rosenfield was an inspiration to all who knew  
17 her, and she leaves a remarkable legacy of vision, determination,  
18 and service to others that will continue to benefit the citizens of  
19 Texas for years to come; now, therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas  
21 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the life of  
22 Mary Meyers Rosenfield and extend deepest sympathy to her  
23 daughters, Ileene Robinson and Rita Sue Rosenfield, and to all who  
24 mourn her passing; and, be it further

25 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
26 prepared for her family and that when the Texas House of  
27 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Mary Meyers

1 Rosenfield.