

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, A loving circle of family and friends will long  
2 cherish their memories of Helen Natalie Jacobs Strauss, who passed  
3 away on April 29, 2006, at the age of 87; and

4           WHEREAS, Mrs. Strauss was born on October 9, 1918, in  
5 Columbus, Ohio, to Leslie and Helen Jacobs; as a young girl she  
6 moved with her family to Dallas, where she attended The Hockaday  
7 School; after graduation, she enrolled in Wellesley College and  
8 went on to receive her bachelor's degree from The University of  
9 Texas; and

10          WHEREAS, In 1941, she married the love of her life, Robert S.  
11 Strauss, a founding partner of the Dallas law firm Akin, Gump,  
12 Strauss, Haner & Feld; Mr. Strauss also served as chair of the  
13 Democratic National Committee and as ambassador to the Soviet  
14 Union, and throughout his career, Mrs. Strauss supported her  
15 beloved husband, best friend, and confidant with tenderness and  
16 warmth; and

17          WHEREAS, She took great pride in her roles as wife and mother  
18 and created a happy home for her family, which included three  
19 children, Robert A. Strauss, Richard C. Strauss, and Susan Breen;  
20 moreover, she drew immense pleasure from her many cherished  
21 grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and

22          WHEREAS, Also dedicated to making her community a better  
23 place, Mrs. Strauss served on the board of Hope Cottage, the oldest  
24 nonsectarian, nonprofit, United Way-affiliated adoption center in

1 Dallas; in addition, she was a valued member of the Dallas Woman's  
2 Club for many years; and

3 WHEREAS, Helen Strauss enjoyed the affection of a wide circle  
4 of friends and loved ones throughout her lifetime, and although she  
5 will be greatly missed, her legacy of love will live on in the  
6 hearts of those whose lives she so richly blessed with her  
7 friendship and kindness; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas  
9 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the life of  
10 Helen Natalie Jacobs Strauss and extend deepest sympathy to the  
11 members of her family: to her husband, Robert S. Strauss; to her  
12 children, Robert A. Strauss and his wife, Olga, Richard C. Strauss  
13 and his wife, Diana, and Susan Breen and her husband, George; to her  
14 grandchildren, Lisa Mastin and her husband, John, Lauri Strauss,  
15 Robert A. Strauss and his wife, Whitney, Staci McCord and her  
16 husband, Craig, Tania Agran and her husband, Scott, Jenifer  
17 Strauss, and Natalie Breen; to her great-grandchildren, John  
18 Mastin, Jordan Mastin, Ricky Agran, Alex Agran, and Robert Theodore  
19 Strauss; to her brother-in-law, Theodore H. Strauss; to her  
20 sister-in-law, Marian Jacobs; and to her other relatives and many  
21 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 Helen  
25 Natalie Jacobs Strauss.

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H.R. No. 477

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 477 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on May 8, 2006.

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Chief Clerk of the House