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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.