

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Myrtle Cruz of Pearland, a successful businesswoman
2 who has rendered exceptional service to water districts in the Lone
3 Star State, indeed merits special praise as she observes her 81st
4 birthday; and

5 WHEREAS, A native Texan, she was born Myrtle Amencie Lilley
6 on January 26, 1924, in Dallardsville in Polk County; after
7 graduating from high school, she found employment in oil and other
8 industries and embarked on a career as a registered stockbroker;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, Ms. Cruz subsequently handled bookkeeping
11 responsibilities for attorney Cyril Smith and for the municipal
12 utility districts he organized; in 1978, she founded Myrtle Cruz,
13 Inc., to provide bookkeeping services to municipal utility
14 districts, and this company today represents more than 200 special
15 interest districts; and

16 WHEREAS, A founding member of the Association of Water Board
17 Directors--Texas (AWBD), Ms. Cruz long served on its advisory
18 council and continues to attend the association's meetings and
19 related conferences; in recognition of her outstanding
20 contributions, she was chosen in 1992 to receive an AWBD Vision
21 Award, and in 2003, she was named the first emeritus member of the
22 AWBD advisory council; and

23 WHEREAS, This remarkable woman participates in community
24 life as an active congregant of Freeway Manor Church and takes

1 pleasure in travel; and

2 WHEREAS, Throughout her life and her notable career, Myrtle
3 Cruz has exemplified the virtues of dedication, integrity, and
4 innovation, and it is a privilege to honor her at this time; now,
5 therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
7 Legislature hereby commend Myrtle Cruz for all her accomplishments
8 on the joyous occasion of her 81st birthday and extend to her best
9 wishes for continued success and happiness; and, be it further

10 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
11 prepared for Ms. Cruz as an expression of high regard by the Texas
12 House of Representatives.

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H.R. No. 12

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 12 was adopted by the House on January 27, 2005, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House