

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Many friends and admirers the world over are  
2 mourning the loss of Maryasha Garelik of New York who passed away on  
3 January 10, 2007; and

4           WHEREAS, Born in Russia at the turn of the 20th century,  
5 Maryasha Garelik never lost sight of her orthodox Jewish faith,  
6 though she and her family suffered anti-Semitic persecution under  
7 the Russian Empire, the Soviet regime, and the Nazis; her father was  
8 killed in a pogrom when she was five, and her grandparents, with  
9 whom she and her mother and older brothers had gone to live,  
10 subsequently perished in a fire ignited by their neighbors; years  
11 later, under Soviet rule, she and her husband, Elchanan Garelik,  
12 and their children were evicted from their apartment into the snow  
13 for her husband's refusal to work on the Jewish Sabbath; when he was  
14 eventually arrested and detained, Mrs. Garelik was left to raise  
15 their six children alone; and

16           WHEREAS, She moved her family many times over the next few  
17 years as harassment by Soviet authorities continued; in 1941, faced  
18 with the impending Nazi invasion, they escaped to Uzbekistan, where  
19 they clandestinely made and sold socks as a means to survive; as the  
20 war came to an end, they set out for France, traveling west through  
21 Poland and Czechoslovakia, and spending time in a German detention  
22 camp, before finally arriving in Paris; there, Mrs. Garelik went on  
23 to found a Lubavitch Jewish school for girls that still exists  
24 today; and

1           WHEREAS, In 1953, she immigrated to the United States and  
2 settled in the Crown Heights neighborhood of Brooklyn; deeply  
3 involved in the Lubavitch Jewish community, she helped establish a  
4 boys' school as well as an organization whose members visited and  
5 cared for the sick; known affectionately as "Bubbe," or grandmother  
6 in Yiddish, she was treasured for her insight and wisdom by  
7 Lubavitch Jews throughout the world; and

8           WHEREAS, Although Mrs. Garelik lived for more than six  
9 decades without certain knowledge of her husband's fate, she  
10 finally learned in 1998 of his death at the hands of the KGB; and

11           WHEREAS, The beloved matriarch of more than 500 descendants,  
12 Maryasha Garelik lived through some of the most harrowing events of  
13 the 20th century; her remarkable survival was no doubt due in part  
14 to her unflagging faith and to her immense powers of perseverance,  
15 resilience, and hope, and her life will forever serve as a stirring  
16 example to people of all faiths and backgrounds; now, therefore, be  
17 it

18           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas  
19 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Maryasha Garelik and  
20 extend sincere sympathy to the members of her family, her friends,  
21 and to the many Lubavitch communities around the world; and, be it  
22 further

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

Anderson

Craddick	Gattis	Miles
Allen	Geren	Miller
Alonzo	Giddings	Moreno
Anchia	Gonzales	Morrison
Anderson	Gonzalez Toureilles	Mowery
Aycock	Goolsby	Murphy
Bailey	Guillen	Naishtat
Berman	Haggerty	Noriega
Bohac	Hamilton	O'Day
Bolton	Hancock	Oliveira
Bonnen	Hardcastle	Olivo
Branch	Harless	Orr
Brown of Kaufman	Harper-Brown	Ortiz, Jr.
Brown of Brazos	Hartnett	Otto
Burnam	Heflin	Parker
Callegari	Hernandez	Patrick
Castro	Herrero	Paxton
Chavez	Hilderbran	Pena
Chisum	Hill	Phillips
Christian	Hochberg	Pickett
Cohen	Hodge	Pierson
Coleman	Homer	Pitts
Cook of Navarro	Hopson	Puente
Cook of Colorado	Howard of Fort Bend	Quintanilla
Corte	Howard of Travis	Raymond
Crabb	Hughes	Riddle
Creighton	Isett	Ritter
Crownover	Jackson	Rodriguez
Darby	Jones	Rose
Davis of Harris	Keffer	Smith of Tarrant
Davis of Dallas	King of Parker	Smith of Harris
Delisi	King of Taylor	Smithee
Deshotel	King of Zavala	Solomons
Driver	Kolkhorst	Strama
Dukes	Krusee	Straus
Dunnam	Kuempel	Swinford
Dutton	Latham	Talton
Eiland	Laubenberg	Taylor
Eissler	Leibowitz	Thompson
Elkins	Lucio III	Truitt
England	Macias	Turner
Escobar	Madden	Van Arsdale
Farabee	Mallory Caraway	Vaught
Farias	Martinez	Veasey
Farrar	Martinez Fischer	Villarreal
Flores	McCall	Vo
Flynn	McClendon	West
Frost	McReynolds	Woolley
Gallego	Menendez	Zedler
Garcia	Merritt	Zerwas

H.R. No. 216

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 216 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on April 16, 2007.

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Chief Clerk of the House