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H.R. No. 1608

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Lone Star State lost an esteemed public servant
2 with the passing of Susan C. Cranford of Austin on March 22, 2007;
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4 WHEREAS, Born on March 6, 1947, in Conroe, Susan Cranford
5 began an outstanding career in criminal justice in 1973 as a teacher
6 of incarcerated individuals for the Windham School District; she
7 went on to serve as a substance abuse counselor and an assistant
8 warden before rising to the rank of senior warden, in which capacity
9 she developed innovative programs for female offenders and worked
10 for nearly a decade; in 1994, she was appointed assistant director
11 of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice State Jail Division and
12 subsequently served as the director of the TDCJ Community Justice
13 Assistance Division; she retired in 2001 as director of the TDCJ
14 Private Facilities Oversight and Monitoring Division; and

15 WHEREAS, Ms. Cranford further distinguished herself as
16 president of the Texas Corrections Association and as a member of
17 the American Correctional Association's Congress Planning
18 Committee; over the years, she garnered numerous honors, including
19 an Outstanding Woman in Texas Government Award and an Outstanding
20 Woman in Texas Government Pioneer Spirit Award; moreover, she
21 received the Clarence A. Stevenson Award in 2003 for her lifetime
22 contributions to community corrections; and

23 WHEREAS, Known for her exuberant and cheerful spirit, Ms.
24 Cranford was guided by her belief in the potential for anyone to

1 achieve success, and she encouraged people to strive for their
2 best; in addition, her able leadership in the field of criminal
3 justice helped open doors for more women to join the profession; and

4 WHEREAS, Susan Cranford earned the respect and admiration of
5 friends and colleagues alike for her exceptional accomplishments,
6 her enthusiasm and dedication, and her genuine compassion for
7 others; although she will be deeply missed, she leaves behind a
8 legacy that will continue to inspire others for many years to come;
9 now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
11 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Susan C. Cranford and
12 extend sincere sympathy to the members of her family: to her
13 brother, Joe A. Cranford; to her sister, Diane Cranford Strunk and
14 her husband, Paul; to her aunts, Tessie Baker and Nettie Derr; to
15 her nieces and nephews, Rebecca Cranford, Joey Cranford, Chris
16 Strunk and his wife, Sarah, Michael Strunk, and Jennifer Strunk;
17 and to her other relatives and many friends; and, be it further

18 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
19 prepared for her family and that when the Texas House of
20 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Susan C.
21 Cranford.