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H.R. No. 2444

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Countless lives were touched by the kindness and joy  
2 of Zina Keith Worley of Del Rio, who passed away on May 5, 2007; and

3           WHEREAS, Born in Sabine Pass, Texas, Mrs. Worley graduated  
4 from Bay City High School at 16 and enrolled in Texas Woman's  
5 University in Denton to study journalism; after graduation, she  
6 became a photojournalist at the *Beaumont Herald*; and

7           WHEREAS, In 1945, she married Ernest Lee Worley, Jr., and  
8 through the years the couple lived in Guam, Louisiana, Morocco,  
9 Georgia, Texas, Nebraska, and California as part of his military  
10 service; although she was occupied raising four children, she found  
11 the time to publish a magazine for the Officer's Wives Club and  
12 helped organize events and lectures; in addition, she was actively  
13 involved in the construction of the Val Verde County Library, and  
14 she volunteered for the Democratic Party, working for John  
15 Connally's gubernatorial campaign in Southwest Texas and for John  
16 F. Kennedy's White House campaign; and

17           WHEREAS, Mr. Worley retired in 1968, and he and Mrs. Worley  
18 chose to return to Texas; they both worked for the *Del Rio*  
19 *News-Herald*, and she later became managing editor; in addition to  
20 her work and family responsibilities, she volunteered with the  
21 local Planned Parenthood and, later, became director of Family  
22 Planning, where she developed a mobile clinic program; and

23           WHEREAS, Mrs. Worley retired from her position with Planned  
24 Parenthood after 16 years, but she continued making contributions

1 to her community; she was a founding member of Del Rio's Pan  
2 American Round Table and the Great Books Discussion Group; some of  
3 the other organizations to which she lent her time and talents were  
4 the Del Rio Council of Arts, Laughlin Air Force Base Community  
5 Council, Del Rio Housing Authority, Casa de la Cultura, and the  
6 First United Methodist Church; and

7 WHEREAS, Those fortunate enough to have known Mrs. Worley  
8 will remember a woman who championed women's health, who  
9 exemplified generosity and integrity, and who touched the lives of  
10 countless individuals with her warmth, intelligence, and  
11 compassion; now, therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas  
13 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Zina Keith Worley and  
14 offer condolences to the members of her family: to her children,  
15 Cecil Brezina and her husband, John, Lee Worley and his wife,  
16 Carmen, Seth Worley and his wife, Paula, and Robin E. Worley; to her  
17 grandchildren, Ernest L., Virginia L., and Benjamin E. Worley, John  
18 Michael, Lyn, and Lara Brezina, and Grace Sullivan; to her  
19 great-grandchildren, Carter, Sophie, Catherine, and Lucas; and to  
20 her other relatives and friends; and, be it further

21 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
22 prepared for her family and that when the Texas House of  
23 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Zina Keith  
24 Worley.