

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Countless lives were touched by the kindness and joy
2 of Helen Trahan Sharpe, who passed away on April 18, 2007; and

3 WHEREAS, Born on September 21, 1912, Helen Sharpe was raised
4 in Vinton, Louisiana; recognized for her intelligence, she was
5 allowed to skip several grades and graduated at the top of her high
6 school class; she attended nursing school at St. Joseph's Infirmary
7 and was a very active member of the student body, editing the
8 yearbook, playing lead roles in plays, and serving as class poet;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, Mrs. Sharpe completed her nursing degree and began
11 her professional career at St. Joseph's Hospital, taking great
12 satisfaction in the high-pressure responsibilities of the
13 emergency room; she later worked for Shell Oil Company and met her
14 husband, Clarence Sharpe, there; the couple lovingly raised three
15 children and spent more than 50 years together before Mr. Sharpe
16 passed away in 1993; and

17 WHEREAS, A vibrant woman, Mrs. Sharpe enjoyed bridge, music,
18 and dancing; she and Mr. Sharpe were well traveled and had visited
19 most of the continents and had been to Hong Kong 13 times over the
20 years; she was a devout Catholic, and her involvement in her parish
21 provided her with a great source of strength and hope; and

22 WHEREAS, Held in the highest regard by all who knew her, Mrs.
23 Sharpe brought a generosity of spirit to her work as a nurse and to
24 her activities as a wife and mother, and she built a life that was

1 remarkably rich in adventure, love, and enjoyable experiences; now,
2 therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
4 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Helen Trahan Sharpe
5 and offer condolences to the members of her family: to her children,
6 Anne, Patrick and his wife, Joanie, and Tim and his wife, Pat; to
7 her grandchildren, Rush, Natalie, and Kelly; and to her other
8 relatives and friends; and, be it further

9 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
10 prepared for her family and that when the Texas House of
11 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Helen
12 Sharpe.

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H.R. No. 2795

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2795 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on May 28, 2007.

Chief Clerk of the House