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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.