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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Countless lives were touched by the kindness and
2 boundless generosity of Eleanor Hall "Puddie" Pitcock of Houston,
3 who passed away on May 14, 2009; and

4 WHEREAS, Raised in Dallas, Puddie Pitcock was the
5 valedictorian of her Sunset High School graduating class; she moved
6 to Houston in 1948 and earned a bachelor's degree in history from
7 Rice University; and

8 WHEREAS, A philanthropist who did not ask for recognition,
9 Mrs. Pitcock anonymously donated numerous religious sculptures and
10 works of art to churches and cathedrals across the country, and one
11 such gift was presented to Mikhail Gorbachev for his role in ending
12 the Cold War; and

13 WHEREAS, Mrs. Pitcock also found ways to give to the homeless
14 individuals in her community, and in demonstrating the utmost
15 compassion and sensitivity, she became known as the "Angel of the
16 Streets"; she helped cover medical and dental expenses for those in
17 need, and she served on the board of Covenant House and supported
18 numerous other organizations, including the Salvation Army, Star of
19 Hope, and SEARCH Homeless Services; moreover, Mrs. Pitcock provided
20 coats to local newspaper vendors during the holidays and was
21 referred to on news programs as "The Coat Lady"; and

22 WHEREAS, In all of her endeavors, Mrs. Pitcock enjoyed the
23 love and support of her husband, Doug, and the couple shared many
24 rewarding years together, celebrating their 58th wedding

1 anniversary in January 2009; and

2 WHEREAS, A woman of strong faith, Puddie Pitcock inspired
3 countless individuals with her selfless acts and her caring nature,
4 and she will long be remembered with great admiration and
5 affection; now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
7 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the life of
8 Eleanor Hall Pitcock and extend sincere sympathy to the members of
9 her family: to her husband, James D. Pitcock, Jr.; to her son, James
10 D. Pitcock III; and to her other relatives and friends; and, be it
11 further

12 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
13 prepared for her family and that when the Texas House of
14 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Eleanor
15 Hall Pitcock.