

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1           WHEREAS, Residents of Longview lost an admired community  
2 leader and renowned philanthropist with the passing of Rose Shipton  
3 Pickens Kirkpatrick on January 14, 2009, at the age of 79; and

4           WHEREAS, Born to Eudora and Jack Pickens on August 22, 1929,  
5 the former Rose Pickens was raised in her hometown of Little Rock,  
6 Arkansas, where her father was a political pioneer and proprietor  
7 of one of the state's largest general contracting firms; she  
8 graduated from Little Rock High School and later attended Ogontz  
9 Junior College in Philadelphia, which is now part of Pennsylvania  
10 State University; she went on to marry Kenneth L. Kirkpatrick, of  
11 Fort Smith, Arkansas, on September 6, 1952, in Little Rock; and

12           WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Kirkpatrick relocated to the Lone Star  
13 State and lived in Lubbock and Dallas before settling in Longview in  
14 1963; they became the owners of R&K Distributors, Inc., an  
15 Anheuser-Busch distributor for the East Texas region, and were soon  
16 supporting numerous charitable endeavors in Longview; the couple  
17 hosted fund-raisers for local organizations in the "Michelob Room,"  
18 a space in their company's warehouse that had been built for that  
19 specific purpose; and

20           WHEREAS, Through the years, Mrs. Kirkpatrick devoted  
21 countless hours to serving the community of Longview; among the  
22 many organizations that benefited from her involvement are Trinity  
23 Episcopal Church, the Gregg County Historical Museum, the Longview  
24 Museum of Fine Arts, the Humane Society of Northeast Texas, the

1 Longview Community Theatre, and the Crisman School; and

2         WHEREAS, This devoted volunteer was also on the board of the  
3 Good Shepherd Foundation, and she was a loyal supporter of the  
4 Trinity School of Texas, contributing to the construction of two  
5 buildings and to numerous other campus projects and events;  
6 moreover, she was active in the Daughters of the American  
7 Revolution and the Junior League chapters of every city she lived  
8 in, and she was a founding member of the Longview Longfellows  
9 Debutante Ball; her civic contributions earned her various  
10 accolades, including the East Texas Heritage Award and the Honoree  
11 of the Year designation by the American Heart Association, and she  
12 was selected as the honorary chair of the Cattle Baron's Ball by the  
13 local chapter of the American Cancer Society; and

14         WHEREAS, Rose Kirkpatrick was committed to ensuring a bright  
15 future for the citizens of Longview, and she leaves behind an  
16 extraordinary legacy of generosity and community engagement that  
17 will forever be treasured by all those who were fortunate enough to  
18 know her; now, therefore, be it

19         RESOLVED, That the 81st Legislature of the State of Texas  
20 hereby pay tribute to the life of Rose Shipton Pickens Kirkpatrick  
21 and extend sincere condolences to the members of her family: to her  
22 daughters, Gail Elizabeth Pickens Kirkpatrick Martin and her  
23 husband, John Carmichael Martin III, Rose Kimberly Kirkpatrick, and  
24 Victoria Shipton Kirkpatrick and her husband, Bruce Bridges; to her  
25 grandchildren, Victoria Kimberly Martin Bonnen and her husband,  
26 State Representative Dennis Bonnen, Jaclyn Gail Pickens Martin  
27 Abernathy and her husband, Clay Abernathy, John Kenneth Martin,

1 Alexandra Rose Cox, Ryan Kirkpatrick Cox, and Julia Shipton Cook;  
2 to her great-grandchildren, David Jackson Carmichael Bonnen,  
3 Gregory James Bonnen, and Jack Madison Abernathy; to her  
4 sister-in-law, Gail Kirkpatrick Tompkins; to her brother-in-law,  
5 Frederick Calhoun Kirkpatrick, Jr.; and to her other relatives and  
6 friends; and, be it further

7         RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
8 prepared for her family and that when the Texas House of  
9 Representatives and Senate adjourn this day, they do so in memory of  
10 Rose Kirkpatrick.

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Straus	Gattis	Menendez
Allen	Geren	Merritt
Alonzo	Giddings	Miklos
Alvarado	Gonzales	Miller of Comal
Anchia	Gonzalez Toureilles	Miller of Erath
Anderson	Guillen	Moody
Aycock	Gutierrez	Morrison
Berman	Hamilton	Naishtat
Bohac	Hancock	Oliveira
Bolton	Hardcastle	Olivo
Bonnen	Harless	Orr
Branch	Harper-Brown	Ortiz, Jr.
Brown of Kaufman	Hartnett	Otto
Brown of Brazos	Heflin	Parker
Burnam	Hernandez	Patrick
Button	Herrero	Paxton
Callegari	Hilderbran	Peña
Castro	Hochberg	Phillips
Chavez	Hodge	Pickett
Chisum	Homer	Pierson
Christian	Hopson	Pitts
Cohen	Howard of Fort Bend	Quintanilla
Coleman	Howard of Travis	Raymond
Cook	Hughes	Riddle
Corte	Hunter	Rios Ybarra
Crabb	Isett	Ritter
Craddick	Jackson	Rodriguez
Creighton	Jones	Rose
Crownover	Keffer	Sheffield
Darby	Kent	Shelton
Davis of Harris	King of Parker	Smith of Tarrant
Davis of Dallas	King of Taylor	Smith of Harris
Deshotel	King of Zavala	Smithee
Driver	Kleinschmidt	Solomons
Dukes	Kolkhorst	Strama
Dunnam	Kuempel	Swinford
Dutton	Laubenberg	Taylor
Edwards	Legler	Thibaut
Eiland	Leibowitz	Thompson
Eissler	Lewis	Truitt
Elkins	Lucio III	Turner of Tarrant
England	Madden	Turner of Harris
Farabee	Maldonado	Vaught
Farias	Mallory Caraway	Veasey
Farrar	Marquez	Villarreal
Fletcher	Martinez	Vo
Flores	Martinez Fischer	Walle
Flynn	McCall	Weber
Frost	McClendon	Woolley
Gallego	McReynolds	Zerwas

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 77 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on March 3, 2009.

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Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 77 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the Senate on June 1, 2009.

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Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

Date

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Governor