

By: McClendon

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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Family and friends mourn the loss of Elaine Annette
2 Guajardo Kelley of San Antonio, who died on July 24, 2007, at the
3 age of 58; and

4 WHEREAS, Born on March 30, 1949, to Hilario and Mary A.
5 Guajardo, Elaine Kelley was a graduate of Little Flower High School
6 and earned her bachelor's degree in nursing from the University of
7 the Incarnate Word; during her senior year in college, she answered
8 her nation's call to duty and enlisted in the United States Army as
9 a second lieutenant; following her active service, she continued to
10 hold the rank of lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Army Reserve; and

11 WHEREAS, In an exemplary nursing career that spanned nearly
12 30 years, Ms. Kelley worked at Wilford Hall Medical Center and
13 Brooke Army Medical Center at Fort Sam Houston; her expertise as a
14 cardiovascular nurse, as well as her dedication, deep compassion,
15 and meticulous professionalism, greatly benefited her patients
16 over the years and earned her the admiration and respect of her
17 peers; and

18 WHEREAS, Called to active duty during the Desert Shield and
19 Desert Storm campaigns, Lieutenant Colonel Kelley served with
20 distinction as assistant chief nurse in the 114th EVAC Hospital in
21 Saudi Arabia, where she provided outstanding care to countless
22 soldiers; her devotion to duty earned her the National Defense
23 Service Medal with Service Star, the Army Commendation Medal, the
24 Army Achievement Medal, and the Army Reserve Component Achievement

1 Medal; and

2 WHEREAS, Outside of her professional responsibilities, Ms.
3 Kelley gave generously of her time and expertise to benefit her
4 community; she led training seminars in CPR for schools and civic
5 organizations and supported numerous Catholic church programs,
6 including the youth choir, the youth drill team, summer Bible
7 school, and prayer groups; in addition, she was an active member of
8 Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, De Amigos de Amigos, Chapter 128 of the
9 Disabled American Veterans, and the Paralyzed Veterans of America;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, Devoted to her family, friends, church, and country,
12 Elaine Kelley dedicated her life to the service of others; although
13 her life ended far too soon, memories of her courage, perseverance,
14 and integrity will continue to inspire all who knew her; now,
15 therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
17 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Elaine Annette
18 Guajardo Kelley and extend sincere condolences to the members of
19 her family: to her daughters, Lisa Kelley Walker and her husband,
20 Christopher, and Nina Kelley; to her parents, Hilario and Mary A.
21 Guajardo; to her sisters, Sharon G. Callihan and her husband,
22 Charles, Adele G. Polk, and Theresa G. Johnson; to her brother, Eli
23 V. Guajardo and his wife, Melinda; to her uncle, Francis B.
24 Guilbeau; to her cousin, Ernestine McGee; to her special friend,
25 Charlotte Sampson; and to her other relatives and friends; and, be
26 it further

27 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be

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1 prepared for her family and that when the Texas House of
2 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Elaine
3 Annette Guajardo Kelley.