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H.R. No. 413

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Residents of San Antonio lost a cherished teacher,
2 writer, and community activist with the passing of Sharon Eileen
3 Gibbs on August 11, 2007, at the age of 60; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in 1947 to Lieutenant Colonel Jack Gibbs and
5 Dorothy Gibbs in Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, Sharon Gibbs relocated
6 with her family to Arlington, Virginia, where she graduated from
7 Bishop O'Connell High School; she went on to attend Wheeling Jesuit
8 College in West Virginia, and in 1971, she won the prestigious
9 Peabody Award for her work at the WWVA Radio station in Wheeling;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, This talented journalist earned a master's degree
12 from The University of Texas at San Antonio and was a news editor
13 for the *San Antonio Light* and for the *Stars and Stripes*; and

14 WHEREAS, Her true passion, however, was education, and she
15 began teaching at middle schools in low-income neighborhoods; Ms.
16 Gibbs took a hands-on approach in the classroom, and through her
17 history lessons, she challenged and inspired her students;
18 moreover, she was a compassionate volunteer, and she devoted many
19 hours to serving the less privileged members of her community; and

20 WHEREAS, Sharon Gibbs touched the lives of countless
21 individuals with her kind and joyful nature, and she will forever be
22 remembered with great admiration and affection by all who were
23 fortunate enough to know her; now, therefore, be it

24 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas

1 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Sharon Eileen Gibbs
2 and extend sincere sympathy to the members of her family: to her
3 daughter, Shana Gibbs; to her brothers, Phillip, John, and Terrance
4 Gibbs; and to her other relatives and many friends; and, be it
5 further

6 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
7 prepared for her family and that when the Texas House of
8 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Sharon
9 Gibbs.