

By: McClendon

H.R. No. 442

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Elaine Nicholas Lieck, a passionate supporter of the  
2 Bexar County Democratic Party, passed away on February 7, 2009, at  
3 the age of 78; and

4           WHEREAS, A native of Austin, the former Elaine Nicholas  
5 attended Sul Ross State University and later married Charles Lieck  
6 in 1952; the couple settled in San Antonio, and Mrs. Lieck became  
7 active in the Democratic Party after her husband's election as a  
8 state representative; she continued to work behind the scenes  
9 during Mr. Lieck's tenure as Bexar County district attorney, and  
10 she was instrumental in her husband's decision to hire the county's  
11 first female and African American assistant district attorneys; and

12           WHEREAS, Mrs. Lieck's home was a hub of activity during the  
13 1960s, during which time she ran the Democratic Party offices and  
14 worked on several political campaigns; she helped get G. J. Sutton  
15 elected as the city's first African American state representative,  
16 and she was the county coordinator for Lieutenant Governor Bill  
17 Hobby; moreover, she was involved in the 1972 presidential campaign  
18 of George McGovern; and

19           WHEREAS, In addition to her civic activism, Mrs. Lieck worked  
20 on publicity for HemisFair and managed Karam's Kantina in Market  
21 Square, and she was also the devoted mother of two sons, Chip and  
22 Chris; and

23           WHEREAS, Elaine Lieck inspired others with her enthusiasm for  
24 progressive politics and her efforts to make a positive difference

1 in the world, and she will long be remembered by all those who  
2 shared in the richness of her life; now, therefore, be it

3         RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas  
4 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Elaine Nicholas  
5 Lieck and extend sincere sympathy to the members of her family: to  
6 her sons, Charles "Chip" Lieck III and Chris Lieck and his wife,  
7 Julie Finck Lieck; to her grandchildren, Dylan and Hannah Lieck; to  
8 her brother, Anthony Nicholas and his wife, B. A.; and to her other  
9 relatives and many friends; and, be it further

10         RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
11 prepared for her family and that when the Texas House of  
12 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Elaine  
13 Nicholas Lieck.