

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The death of Diana Louise Cooke of Waco on November
2 12, 2008, at the age of 43, brought a tremendous loss to her family
3 and friends; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in Waco on December 10, 1964, Ms. Cooke was a
5 devoted mother to Tabitha, Sara, and Christopher and a valued
6 member of Victorious Life Church; she was also a state employee who
7 worked for the Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental
8 Retardation; and

9 WHEREAS, The local chapter of the Susan G. Komen for the Cure
10 organization selected Ms. Cooke to serve as a co-chair for its race
11 in 2008; Ms. Cooke was a powerful advocate for early detection of
12 breast cancer, appearing on television station KWTX to talk about
13 the importance of annual mammograms and remind women to consult
14 with their physicians quickly about anything unusual; and

15 WHEREAS, Inspired by the brave optimism Ms. Cooke displayed,
16 her fellow Race for the Cure volunteers helped her celebrate a
17 joyous family occasion; learning that her daughter Tabitha was
18 changing her marriage plans because of the expense of her mother's
19 medication, they pitched in to arrange her dream wedding; Ms. Cooke
20 proudly walked her daughter down the aisle and shared a dance with
21 her at the reception; and

22 WHEREAS, Diana Cooke met the greatest adversity with
23 remarkable courage; she made a positive difference in her community
24 through her determination to educate others about breast cancer,

1 and she will long be remembered by all who were privileged to know
2 her; now, therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
4 Legislature pay special tribute to the life of Diana Louise Cooke
5 and extend sincere sympathy to the members of her family: to her
6 daughters, Tabitha Bermudez and her husband, Luis, and Sara
7 Albright; to her son, Christopher Maddux; to her sisters, Judy
8 Andrews, Cynthia Larrow, Robin Colvin, and Paula Maddux; to her
9 brother, Gary Maddux; and to her other relatives and friends; and,
10 be it further

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

Anderson

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

H.R. No. 553

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 553 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on February 26, 2009.

Chief Clerk of the House