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H.R. No. 553

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.