

By: Pickett

H.R. No. 605

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The loved ones of Veronica Teresa Cook of El Paso  
2 were greatly saddened by her passing on January 22, 2009, at the age  
3 of 88; and

4 WHEREAS, Born to John and Catherine O'Hagan, Veronica O'Hagan  
5 grew up with the companionship of four brothers, John, Charles,  
6 George, and Alfred, and three sisters, Sarah, Mary, and Joan; she  
7 exchanged vows with John F. Cook, Sr., at a ceremony at St. Ephraim  
8 Church in Brooklyn, New York, and together they shared a rewarding  
9 relationship and experienced the joy of raising seven children;  
10 with the passing years, their family grew to include 16  
11 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren, and a  
12 great-great-grandchild; and

13 WHEREAS, Mrs. Cook was a valued parishioner of Most Holy  
14 Trinity Catholic Church and taught kindergarten and religious  
15 education classes at Most Holy Trinity School; and

16 WHEREAS, Veronica Cook was a wise and compassionate woman  
17 whose generosity and graciousness endeared her to many, and she  
18 will forever hold a treasured place in the hearts of all those who  
19 were fortunate enough to have known her; now, therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas  
21 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Veronica Teresa Cook  
22 and extend sincere sympathy to the members of her family: to her  
23 husband, John F. Cook, Sr.; to her children, John F. Cook, Jr., Joan  
24 Keating, Edna Benson, and Veronica, Michael, Edward, and Kevin

1 Cook; to her daughters-in-law and sons-in-law, Tram Pho Cook, Diane  
2 Yung Cook, Diane Costanzo Cook, Carmen Ugarte, Michael Keating, and  
3 Phil Benson; to her grandchildren, Richard and Dr. John Montorello,  
4 Maria Montorello Ward, James, Sean, and Caitlin Keating, Patricia  
5 Keating Porras, Sarah and Teresa Benson, Suzanne Cook Moody, and  
6 Jennifer, Damien, David Brian, Naomi, and David M. Cook; to her  
7 great-grandchildren, Krystal Montorello Menchey, Amanda, Megan,  
8 and William Ward, Bella, Bryan, and Nathan Cook, Christian, Jaydon,  
9 and Alyssa Moody, Dylan, Amber, and Kelly Blystone, Debbie and  
10 Shawn Lowely, and Patrick and Erin Fandy; to her  
11 great-great-granddaughter, Kaylee Menchey; to her brother, John  
12 O'Hagan; and to her other relatives and friends; and, be it further  
13         RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
14 prepared for her family and that when the Texas House of  
15 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Veronica  
16 Cook.