

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The 70th birthday of an esteemed Texan is a  
2 significant milestone, and we are indeed honored that Barbara Jean  
3 Fabrizio Fazio of Texarkana has chosen to celebrate this august  
4 occasion at the State Capitol; and

5           WHEREAS, The daughter of Ruth and Pinkie Fabrizio, the former  
6 Barbara Fabrizio was born in Denver, Colorado, on May 8, 1939, and  
7 grew up in a home behind her family's small grocery store; as a  
8 young girl, she exhibited precocious skill in the domestic arena,  
9 cooking for her parents, her older sister, Donna, and her younger  
10 brother, Frank, and they also admired her housecleaning prowess,  
11 despite her reputation as the family packrat; even before  
12 graduating from South High School, she began attending beauty  
13 school, where her experiments on her own hair anticipated the  
14 contemporary fashion for pink and purple locks; and

15           WHEREAS, She met John Fazio in 1959 when his air force career  
16 brought him to Colorado; they married two years later and, in 1964,  
17 became the parents of John Michael Fazio II; their second child,  
18 Rosetta Ruth, was born in 1974, shortly before the family moved from  
19 Colorado to New Boston, and the couple's youngest daughter,  
20 Elizabeth Ann, born in 1979, is a native Texan; and

21           WHEREAS, At one time, Mrs. Fazio owned a seafood restaurant  
22 with her husband and son, and she worked as a beautician for many  
23 years; she has maintained a professional dedication to the latest  
24 trends in color technology, even though this obligation prevented

1 her from discerning exactly when her hair began to go grey; and

2       WHEREAS, Believing in the importance of education for all,  
3 Mrs. Fazio advocated for her daughter and other children with  
4 disabilities, working to ensure that they received the same  
5 opportunities to progress as their peers; today, she continues her  
6 efforts in behalf of those with disabilities as a resident of  
7 Texarkana, where she moved following her husband's passing in 2005;  
8 in addition to spending time with her family, she volunteers at  
9 Pleasant Valley Elementary, the school that her granddaughter,  
10 Julia Michelle, attends and she is also a member of Sacred Heart  
11 Catholic Church; and

12       WHEREAS, A Texan by choice rather than by birth, Barbara  
13 Fazio has made a positive difference in the lives of many through  
14 her devotion to education and to the rights of people with  
15 disabilities, and she has earned a special place in the hearts of  
16 all who are fortunate enough to know her; now, therefore, be it

17       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas  
18 Legislature hereby congratulate Barbara Fazio on the occasion of  
19 her 70th birthday and extend to her sincere best wishes for  
20 continued happiness; and, be it further

21       RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
22 prepared for Mrs. Fazio as an expression of high regard by the Texas  
23 House of Representatives.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1763 was adopted by the House on May 7, 2009, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House