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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.