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H.R. No. 2143

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Lone Star State lost a passionate advocate in
2 behalf of all Texans with the death of Betty Price Anderson on
3 December 28, 2008, at the age of 78; and

4 WHEREAS, Born to the Reverend Henry Price and Irene Price on
5 August 18, 1930, the former Betty Price grew up in Central Texas and
6 earned a bachelor's degree from North Texas State University in
7 1954; she married John Anderson two years later, and the couple made
8 their home in Lubbock, where Dr. Anderson served as a professor of
9 chemistry at Texas Tech University; and

10 WHEREAS, Ms. Anderson soon distinguished herself through her
11 outstanding volunteerism in behalf of numerous causes; her
12 contributions to the city of Lubbock alone are extraordinary, with
13 the Urban Renewal Board, the South Plains Regional Workforce
14 Development Board, the Lubbock Area United Way Board, the South
15 Plains Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council, and the Saint Mary of
16 the Plains Hospital Foundation Board all benefiting from her
17 membership; moreover, she was a founding member of the South Plains
18 Food Bank, and she shared her time and talents with PEOPLE FIRST,
19 the Lubbock Rape Crisis Center, the South Plains AIDS Resource
20 Center, the Lubbock Independent School District Committee on
21 Excellence, and the city's planning and zoning commission; and

22 WHEREAS, An esteemed leader on the state and national level
23 as well, Ms. Anderson was appointed to the Texas Commission on
24 Children and Youth, the Adult and Protective Services Advisory

1 Committee, and the Texas Department of Human Services Aged and
2 Disabled Committee, which she chaired; in addition, she was deeply
3 involved in the local, state, and national organizations of the
4 League of Women Voters and the American Association of University
5 Women, both of which she served as state president, and she chaired
6 the Texas Committee for the Humanities and the Texas Commission on
7 Women; she also gave generously as a board member of the Center for
8 Public Policy Priorities for more than a decade; and

9 WHEREAS, Recognized often for her tireless efforts, Ms.
10 Anderson was the recipient of numerous honors, including the George
11 Mahon Award from the Lubbock chapter of the Association for Women in
12 Communications, the United Way Rita Harmon Volunteer Service Award,
13 the League of Women Voters State President's Award, and the
14 National League of Women Voters Education Fund Leaders Award, among
15 others; and

16 WHEREAS, Ms. Anderson was further known as a dedicated wife
17 and mother, a faithful congregant of St. John's Methodist Church in
18 Lubbock, and a lifelong learner who earned a master's degree from
19 Texas Tech University in 1973; and

20 WHEREAS, Though it is impossible to gauge the full effect of a
21 person's life, some individuals leave their unmistakable mark on
22 the world as they move through it, and Betty Price Anderson's legacy
23 of compassion, vision, and commitment to her fellow Texans will be
24 cherished for years to come; now, therefore, be it

25 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
26 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Betty Price Anderson
27 and extend sincere sympathy to the members of her family: to her

1 husband, Dr. John Anderson; to her sons, Art Anderson and his wife,
2 Kate, and Dr. Dale Anderson and his wife, Brenda; to her four
3 grandchildren; to her sister, Patsy; and to her other relatives and
4 many friends; and, be it further

5 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
6 prepared for her family and that when the Texas House of
7 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Betty Price
8 Anderson.