

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Residents of Brazoria County lost a dedicated
2 citizen and a cherished friend with the passing of Barbara Gene Ross
3 of Angleton on February 10, 2008, at the age of 70; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in Alvin to William and Bertha Mienke on
5 September 12, 1937, Barbara Gene Ross grew up on a farm; she went on
6 to marry Gardner Ross, with whom she nurtured a fulfilling
7 relationship and raised a family; and

8 WHEREAS, Mrs. Ross loved gardening and was knowledgeable
9 about nearly every local plant species; she served as the president
10 of the Brazoria County Master Gardeners Association and led the
11 group's public endeavors, turning an old property into a showcase
12 for gardens and planting vineyards and orchards; the stunning
13 blooms that surrounded her home earned her numerous beautification
14 awards, and her work remains visible today at the county
15 fairgrounds, the extension center grounds, and the homes of the
16 many gardeners she mentored and encouraged; and

17 WHEREAS, Mrs. Ross was also active in the Republican party as
18 a precinct chair, election judge, and board member for the
19 Tri-County Republican Women, and she inspired others to become
20 similarly involved in politics; she was known for expressing her
21 opinions and taking charge, and she was always willing to assist the
22 organization in any way she could; she supported Republican
23 candidates, volunteered her time during elections, ran area
24 headquarter sites, and even helped another party by filling in for

1 their election judge who became ill at the polling place; with
2 determination, strength, and a firm belief in the political
3 process, she made lasting contributions to the Republican party in
4 Brazoria County; and

5 WHEREAS, This esteemed Texan enhanced the lives of many with
6 her kindness, generosity, and delightfully wicked sense of humor,
7 and she will forever hold a special place in the hearts of all who
8 were privileged to share in her love and friendship; now,
9 therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
11 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Barbara Gene Ross
12 and extend sincere sympathy to the members of her family: to her
13 sons, Charles Ross and his wife, Cynthia, and Michael G. Ross and
14 his wife, Theresa; to her grandchildren, Zachary, Gabriella, Jade,
15 Michael, and Sandy Ross, Amy Brunson, and Brandi Hasting; to her
16 sister, Penny Anderson, and her husband, Ronel; and to her other
17 relatives and many friends; and, be it further

18 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
19 prepared for her family and that when the Texas House of
20 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Barbara
21 Gene Ross.

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H.R. No. 2470

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2470 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on May 28, 2009.

Chief Clerk of the House