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H.R. No. 2470

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.