

1 WHEREAS, Throughout her life, Mrs. Ash showed others how to
2 give; a generous and strong woman, she believed in putting God
3 first, and she believed that with praise and encouragement, anyone
4 could succeed; and

5 WHEREAS, In 1996, Mrs. Ash established the Mary Kay Ash
6 Charitable Foundation for the purpose of funding research on the
7 leading cancers affecting women; today the foundation also supports
8 efforts to prevent violence against women and to help women who have
9 been victims of abuse; every October, the foundation observes
10 National Domestic Violence Awareness Month by awarding grants to
11 deserving women's shelters across the country; in 2008, the
12 foundation awarded \$20,000 grants to more than 150 shelters; and

13 WHEREAS, A phenomenally talented lady who led by example,
14 Mrs. Ash authored an autobiography, a motivational book, and a
15 volume about management, all of which became best sellers; and

16 WHEREAS, The recipient of myriad accolades, Mary Kay Ash was
17 named the Most Outstanding Woman in Business in the 20th Century by
18 Lifetime Television and was chosen as one of the 25 most influential
19 business leaders of the last 25 years by PBS and the Wharton School
20 of the University of Pennsylvania in 2004; she was elected to the
21 Business Hall of Fame by *Fortune* magazine and was designated a
22 Horatio Alger Distinguished American Citizen; Mary Kay Cosmetics
23 has been ranked by *Fortune* magazine as one of the 100 best companies
24 to work for in America and as one of the 10 best companies for women;
25 and

26 WHEREAS, Mary Kay Ash passed away on November 22, 2001,
27 having achieved the pinnacle of success and having established a

1 legacy that will continue to provide opportunity and hope for women
2 for years to come; now, therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, That the 81st Legislature of the State of Texas
4 hereby designate May 12, 2009, as Mary Kay Ash Day in the State of
5 Texas.

S.C.R. No. 24

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