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H.R. No. 387

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Pearl Lilley Fincher of Spring, a successful
2 businesswoman and noted philanthropist who left an indelible
3 imprint on the lives of countless individuals, passed away on June
4 3, 2010, at the age of 75; and

5 WHEREAS, One of 11 children, Pearl Lilley was born to Selma
6 Lilley and Hubert Lilley, a Baptist minister, in Evergreen on April
7 23, 1935; throughout her life, she honored the lessons her parents
8 taught her about the importance of faith, family, and generosity;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, It was after moving to Northwest Houston in 1953
11 that she met her husband, Fred Fincher; the couple opened a car
12 dealership, Fred Fincher Motors, in 1959, and over the years, Mrs.
13 Fincher was involved in several additional enterprises; she and her
14 husband shared a devoted union until his passing in 1996; and

15 WHEREAS, Impelled by a strong sense of civic responsibility,
16 Pearl Fincher became active in politics, staunchly supporting
17 candidates for whom she had great personal respect and serving as
18 president of the Northwest Forest Republican Women from 1999 to
19 2000; having instilled in her children a similar ethic of community
20 engagement and leadership, she took immense pride when her daughter
21 Patricia Harless was sworn in as the representative for Texas House
22 District 126; and

23 WHEREAS, A woman who had known hardship and who had gone on to
24 ring up successive achievements, Mrs. Fincher had a rare gift for

1 inspiring self-confidence in others and sought especially to help
2 and encourage women in business; she worked with the Lone Star
3 College Foundation and donated generously to several charities,
4 among them Northwest Assistance Ministries; she also gave freely of
5 her time and talents as a member of the boards of the American Heart
6 Association, The Centrum Arts League, the Tomball Regional Arts
7 Council, and the Pearl Fincher Museum of Fine Arts; the latter
8 facility, which operates in partnership with the Museum of Fine
9 Arts, Houston, and other public and private lenders, opened in
10 Northwest Houston in 2008 and was made possible, in no small
11 measure, by the high esteem that Mrs. Fincher enjoyed among
12 community and political leaders in the area; and

13 WHEREAS, Pearl Fincher's uncommon strength was matched by her
14 infinite kindness, graciousness, and dignity, as well as by an
15 irrepressible sense of humor; she enriched immeasurably the lives
16 of her family and a host of friends, and they will forever hold her
17 close in their hearts; now, therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
19 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Pearl Lilley Fincher
20 and extend sincere sympathy to the members of her family: to her
21 daughters and their husbands, Vicki and Red Brown and the Honorable
22 Patricia Harless and Sam Harless; to her sons and their wives,
23 Donald and Debbie Fincher, Roger and Yvonne Hess, Adrian Fincher,
24 and John Fincher; to her stepsons and their wives, Jay and Mary
25 Fincher and Andy and Dixie Fincher; to her 44 grandchildren,
26 including spouses; and to her many great-grandchildren; and, be it
27 further

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1 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
2 prepared for her family and that when the Texas House of
3 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Pearl
4 Lilley Fincher.