By: Patrick H.R. No. 393

RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Residents of the Town of Pantego lost an admired

civic leader with the death of Mayor Dorothy Gail Aderholt on August

3 14, 2009; and

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WHEREAS, The daughter of Robert and Walene Jennings, the

5 former Dorothy Gail Jennings was born in Denton; she graduated from

6 Texas Wesleyan College with a degree in fine arts and went on to

7 join her husband, Cotton Aderholt, in running a successful family

8 business, Quality Mobile Homes; and

9 WHEREAS, Ms. Aderholt demonstrated a deep commitment to her

community for more than a quarter-century; she served as president

11 of the Pantego Economic Development Corporation and the Lions Club

12 and was a member of the town's crime watch and parks and recreation

13 boards; in 1994, she was named Pantego's Volunteer of the Year; she

also served as president of the Arlington Arts League and as a

15 member of the Arlington Mayor's Council for Youth and the 2010 Super

16 Bowl Committee; after beginning the first of three terms as mayor in

17 2005, she continued to remain active on boards and commissions; and

18 WHEREAS, Highly engaged in the political process, Ms.

19 Aderholt served on the Tarrant County Republican Party Executive

20 Committee, was a precinct chair, and took on leadership roles in a

21 number of local election campaigns; moreover, she advocated for

22 many worthwhile causes, including the local arts community and

23 animal rights, and she served on the board of the Humane Society of

24 North Texas, holding the office of treasurer; and

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- 1 WHEREAS, This energetic Texan earned a second-degree black
- 2 belt in tae kwon do and became a martial arts instructor; in
- 3 addition, she enjoyed international travel; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Dorothy Aderholt touched countless lives through
- 5 her devotion to the betterment of her community, and she will long
- 6 be remembered with great admiration and affection; now, therefore,
- 7 be it
- 8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
- 9 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of the Honorable Dorothy
- 10 Gail Aderholt and extend sincere condolences to the members of her
- 11 family: to her husband, Cotton Aderholt; to her sisters, Sandra
- 12 Morrison, Debbie Burnham, and Pam Campbell; to her brother, Robert
- 13 S. Jennings; to her nieces, Belinda Graham, Cassy Burnham, Sabrah
- 14 Burnham, Amy Campbell, Stacy Jennings, and Bobbie Ray Jennings; to
- 15 her nephews, Bruce Campbell and Robby Jennings; and to her other
- 16 relatives and many friends; and, be it further
- 17 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
- 18 prepared for the members of her family and that when the Texas House
- 19 of Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Dorothy
- 20 Gail Aderholt.