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H.R. No. 519

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The city of San Antonio lost a beloved resident with  
2 the death of Diana S. Dupre on January 30, 2011; and

3           WHEREAS, A woman with a remarkable zest for life, Diana Dupre  
4 was born in San Antonio on July 5, 1938; known throughout her life  
5 as "Sunshine," she attended Incarnate Word High School and went on  
6 to earn her bachelor's degree from The University of Texas at  
7 Austin; soon after graduating, she worked as an intern in Zurich,  
8 Switzerland, where she cultivated a love for the arts and acquired a  
9 passion for travel and lifelong learning; and

10           WHEREAS, A devoted wife, mother, and grandmother, Mrs. Dupre  
11 enjoyed a 44-year union with her husband, Daniel; they were blessed  
12 with two children, Eric and Sabrina, and a grandchild, Evan; one of  
13 Mrs. Dupre's proudest moments was when her family was honored by the  
14 Family Service Association as its 2001 Family of the Year; and

15           WHEREAS, Mrs. Dupre contributed immeasurably to the  
16 betterment of San Antonio through her tireless volunteer work and  
17 fund-raising efforts; she was a member of the Pan American Round  
18 Table of San Antonio, a women's organization that fosters  
19 friendship and understanding among the peoples of the Western  
20 Hemisphere, and in 1976 she was selected as director of the  
21 worldwide Alliance of Pan American Round Tables, which at the time  
22 included 133 local groups; she also served as president of the  
23 charitable organization Sembradores de Amistad, as well as  
24 president of the Opera Guild of the San Antonio Symphony; when the

1 symphony stopped producing operas, Mrs. Dupre helped revitalize the  
2 guild by leading fund-raising efforts that allowed it to carry on as  
3 the Opera Guild of San Antonio, with a mission to support opera  
4 projects in the community; moreover, she used her gift for  
5 motivating others to help raise the funds to keep St. Anthony  
6 Catholic School operating; and

7       WHEREAS, This esteemed Texan served on the board of directors  
8 for numerous organizations, including the San Antonio Symphony,  
9 Arts San Antonio, the Monte Vista Historical Association, the  
10 National Conference of Christians and Jews, and the Cancer Center  
11 Council of the Cancer Therapy and Research Center; in 1980 she was  
12 named Outstanding Club Woman of the Year by the *San Antonio*  
13 *Express-News*, and she was a San Antonio Women's Hall of Fame  
14 nominee; and

15       WHEREAS, While the death of Diana Dupre has brought great  
16 sorrow to her family and friends, she has left behind a treasured  
17 legacy of memories and achievements, and those who were privileged  
18 to share in the richness of her life will forever hold her close in  
19 their hearts; now, therefore, be it

20       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas  
21 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Diana S. Dupre and  
22 extend sincere condolences to the members of her family: to her  
23 husband, Daniel Dupre; to her children, Eric and Sabrina; to her  
24 grandson, Evan; to her brothers, Dr. Earl M. Stenger-Castro and  
25 Frank Stenger-Castro; to her sister, Patricia Meritz; to her  
26 nieces, Gianna Fertitta and her husband, Manny Valdez, Martina  
27 Meritz and her husband, Vince Alvarado, and Debbie Walker and her

1 husband, Rodney; to her nephews, Joey Fertitta, Darren Meritz, and  
2 Danny Hightower; to her sister-in-law, Dion Dupre Escher; and to  
3 her many other relatives and friends; and, be it further

4       RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
5 prepared for her family and that when the Texas House of  
6 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Diana  
7 Dupre.