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H.R. No. 692

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The citizens of Houston lost a spirited and
2 influential leader with the death of Nancy Gene Dale Palm on
3 February 15, 2011, at the age of 89; and

4 WHEREAS, Born on April 14, 1921, in Davidson County,
5 Tennessee, to Mary and Dillard Dale, Nancy Gene Dale was a
6 descendant of the five pioneer families who settled central
7 Tennessee and established Fort Nashborough; after losing her father
8 at an early age, she moved with her mother and five sisters to
9 Nashville and graduated from Vanderbilt University in 1942; and

10 WHEREAS, That same year, she married Dr. William Morrison
11 Palm on July 4, and the couple relocated to Houston in 1951; Mrs.
12 Palm soon thereafter became active in the local Republican Party
13 and was elected in 1967 as Harris County party chair, a position she
14 held for seven years; in addition, she played an instrumental role
15 in the development of the party at the statewide level; and

16 WHEREAS, Known for her passionate support of conservative
17 ideals and her effective organizational abilities, she championed
18 the principles of self-determination and achievement through
19 education and hard work; a redhead who frequently wore red, white,
20 and blue, she was affectionately dubbed "Napalm" by the press for
21 her forcefulness and the strong opinions that she readily shared;
22 this Texas trailblazer helped open doors for women in politics, and
23 she encouraged future senator Kay Bailey Hutchison to run for the
24 Texas Legislature in 1972; and

1 WHEREAS, Mrs. Palm was a delegate at the Republican National
2 Convention in 1976 and received a vote to be the party's nominee for
3 vice president; she had the opportunity to vote for President
4 George H. W. Bush in 1988 and his son in 2004 as a member of the
5 Texas electoral college delegation; and

6 WHEREAS, This esteemed Texan inspired many with her dynamic
7 leadership in the party whose values she fully embraced, and she
8 will long be remembered with deep admiration for her contributions
9 to her country and her community; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
11 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Nancy Gene Dale Palm
12 and extend sincere sympathy to the members of her family: to her
13 sister, Katherine Bishop Dale Potts, and her husband, J. Ivan
14 Potts; to her nephew, Tom DeLong; and to her other relatives and
15 friends; and, be it further

16 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
17 prepared for her family and that when the Texas House of
18 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Nancy Gene
19 Dale Palm.