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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Fayette Francis is the founder of the Vintage Jewels
2 Chapter of the Red Hat Society, San Antonio, which is celebrating
3 its fifth anniversary in 2011; and

4 WHEREAS, Ms. Francis, affectionately known by chapter
5 members as "Queen Fay," established the San Antonio group on March
6 29, 2006, with the assistance of her five daughters and members from
7 a Red Hat chapter in Giddings; and

8 WHEREAS, The Red Hat Society was started in 1998 by Sue Ellen
9 Cooper; women belonging to the social networking community support
10 each other in the pursuit of vital, active living through middle age
11 and beyond; since its inception, the grassroots movement has
12 continued to evolve, blossoming into more than 20,000 chapters
13 throughout all 50 states and over 25 countries and fostering
14 countless friendships and a spirited embrace of life's
15 possibilities; and

16 WHEREAS, Charter members of the Vintage Jewels Chapter are
17 Willie Jane Barr, Cheryl Clark, Christi Evans, Fay Francis, Maeoris
18 Hogan, Carolyn James, Glendora Luster, Gloria Moore, Adelle Perry,
19 O. Marie Smith, Ellon Williams, Marie Remming, Jefri Willis,
20 Dorothy Holliway, and Ella Hewitt; today, the chapter has a
21 membership of nearly two dozen; and

22 WHEREAS, The Red Hat Society frowns on rules, and chapters
23 are encouraged to design their own way of operating; members of the
24 Vintage Jewels Chapter gather once a month for social activities,

1 which may include a tea party; Fay Francis presents a cup and saucer
2 to each new member for just such an occasion; and

3 WHEREAS, Born on April 5, 1931, Ms. Francis has lived in San
4 Antonio for nearly a quarter-century; she will doubtlessly mark the
5 joyous occasion of her 80th birthday surrounded by her fellow
6 Vintage Jewels, decked out in their signature red hats and purple
7 clothing; and

8 WHEREAS, Fayette Francis has greatly enriched the lives of
9 her family and many friends, and she continues to be a source of joy
10 and inspiration to all who are privileged to share in her love and
11 affection; now, therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
13 Legislature hereby honor Fayette Francis, founder of the Vintage
14 Jewels Chapter of the Red Hat Society, San Antonio, on the occasion
15 of the chapter's fifth anniversary and extend to her sincere best
16 wishes for continued happiness; and, be it further

17 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
18 prepared for Ms. Francis as an expression of high regard by the
19 Texas House of Representatives.