

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Family and friends are mourning the loss of Diana  
2 Kirby of Rockport, who passed away on February 10, 2011, at the age  
3 of 53; and

4           WHEREAS, Born in Fairbanks, Alaska, Diana Maria Kirby grew up  
5 in Memphis, Tennessee, and Irving; she earned a bachelor's degree  
6 in history from Memphis State University and a master's degree in  
7 education counseling from Corpus Christi State University; she also  
8 did graduate work in public history at the University of Houston;  
9 and

10           WHEREAS, Ms. Kirby was able to turn her love of history into a  
11 career, and she worked at museums and historic sites for three  
12 decades; in 1984, she moved to Rockport to serve as the curator at  
13 the Fulton Mansion State Historic Site and she was promoted to  
14 director soon thereafter; in 2008, her expertise and experience  
15 were rewarded when she was promoted to historic site supervisor for  
16 the Texas Historical Commission, and she divided her time between  
17 Rockport and Austin; in her new position, she was responsible for  
18 overseeing 10 sites around the state, including the Fulton Mansion,  
19 the National Museum of the Pacific War in Fredericksburg, the Sam  
20 Rayburn House Museum in Bonham, and the Varner-Hogg Plantation in  
21 West Columbia; and

22           WHEREAS, Ms. Kirby loved to travel with family and friends  
23 and enjoyed trips to Europe and Canada as well as antiquing jaunts  
24 around Texas; she was known for her warm and giving nature and was

1 an excellent listener who could always be counted on to give wise  
2 and caring advice; and

3 WHEREAS, Greatly admired for her dedication to the rich  
4 history of the Lone Star State, Diana Kirby made a positive  
5 difference in the lives of countless people, and she has left behind  
6 a legacy that will continue to resonate for years to come; now,  
7 therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas  
9 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Diana Maria Kirby  
10 and extend sincere condolences to the members of her family: to her  
11 mother, Jen Kirby; to her stepmother, Sandra Kirby; to her  
12 brothers, Tony Kirby and Richard "Sam" Kirby and his wife, Leigh; to  
13 her sister, Donna Barnett, and her husband, Donald; to her  
14 stepbrother, Steve Bell; to her longtime friend, Ruth Davis; and to  
15 her other loved ones; 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 Diana  
19 Kirby.

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H.R. No. 958

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 958 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on May 5, 2011.

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Chief Clerk of the House