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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A life made rich through meaningful service drew to
2 a close when Evelyn Cernik of Houston died on September 21, 2009, at
3 the age of 83; and

4 WHEREAS, Born on October 27, 1925, in Galveston, to Ernest
5 and Louise Petersen, the former Evelyn Erline Petersen enjoyed the
6 companionship of four siblings, Herbert, Gail, Elouise, and Dale;
7 she graduated from Ball High School in 1943 and earned a degree in
8 microbiology from The University of Texas at Austin in 1951; and

9 WHEREAS, That same year, Mrs. Cernik married the love of her
10 life, Charles E. Cernik, in Galveston; the couple shared a
11 rewarding relationship of nearly six decades and became the parents
12 of three children, Carolyn, Charles, and Cheryl; and

13 WHEREAS, Over the course of 35 years, Mrs. Cernik chronicled
14 notable events in the lives of area residents through her popular
15 "Potpourri" column in the *Leader*, the northwest Houston local
16 newspaper; a valued member of St. James Evangelical Lutheran
17 Church, which she joined in 1956, she served her fellow congregants
18 as archivist and as president of St. James Women of the Evangelical
19 Lutheran Church of America; and

20 WHEREAS, Mrs. Cernik was also a longtime supporter of the
21 Girl Scouts of San Jacinto Council, and in 1999 she received a
22 Lifetime Achievement Award for her many accomplishments during half
23 a century of membership in the council's Twin Oaks Service Unit; her
24 record of civic engagement further included four decades as a

1 nursing home volunteer and as an active member of the auxiliary at
2 Memorial Hermann Northwest Hospital, as well as 29 years'
3 involvement in the Houston A&M Mothers' Club; and

4 WHEREAS, Evelyn Cernik possessed a generosity of spirit that
5 expressed itself in myriad ways, and countless lives were forever
6 enriched by her warmth and kindness; now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
8 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Evelyn Cernik and
9 extend sincere condolences to the members of her family: to her
10 husband, Charles Cernik; to her children, Carolyn Weaver and her
11 husband, Gary, and Charles Curtis Cernik and his wife, Joyce; to her
12 sister, Gail Jones; to her brother, Herbert Petersen, and his wife,
13 Jackie; and to her other relatives and friends; and, be it further

14 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
15 prepared for her family and that when the Texas House of
16 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Evelyn
17 Cernik.