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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A full and productive life drew to a close with the
2 passing of Cherry Ruth Rainone of Arlington on March 8, 2012, at the
3 age of 82; and

4 WHEREAS, Born on the Harrison Farm in Shelby County on
5 February 10, 1930, the former Cherry Harrison was the daughter of
6 Dean and Beulah Harrison; in 1946, she moved to Fort Worth, and she
7 went on to graduate from Arlington Heights High School; she showed
8 early talent as a writer and was encouraged to develop her craft by
9 her mother's first cousin, country music and movie star Tex Ritter,
10 and her paternal grandfather, Jacob Harrison; and

11 WHEREAS, This gracious and gifted Texan was joined in
12 matrimony to Dr. Carl Rainone, and they became the parents of four
13 children, Frank, Greg, Pete, and Tom; while her sons were young,
14 Mrs. Rainone frequently welcomed their friends into her home; she
15 was a rancher, an organic farmer, and an excellent cook, and her
16 husband, the team dentist for the Texas Rangers, often brought
17 players home to enjoy the wonderful Italian meals she prepared;
18 baseball greats Ted Williams, Phil Rizzuto, and Billy Martin were
19 among her guests, as were family, friends, and Hollywood actors;
20 and

21 WHEREAS, From her youth, Mrs. Rainone wrote for local and
22 national publications; she also composed poetry and lyrics that
23 were used in productions in Fort Worth and Arlington, as well as in
24 movies her son Tom worked on in Hollywood; an art aficionado, she

1 founded Rainone Galleries with her husband in 1955, and she
2 promoted, collected, and sold the work of Texan and American
3 artists before it was fashionable; her gallery helped build some of
4 the top American art collections in the country, among them the Bill
5 and Irma Runyon Collection of American Art at Texas A&M University;
6 Mrs. Rainone assisted in the selection of paintings for the Jack
7 Blanton family, which are now housed in the Blanton Museum at The
8 University of Texas at Austin, and she played a role in the
9 acquisition of early Texas art for the State Capitol; in 2003, she
10 was featured in *Texas Monthly* magazine's "Texas Women" edition; and

11 WHEREAS, Mrs. Rainone loved animals and rescued numerous pets
12 over the years; keen on fishing, she enjoyed taking trips
13 throughout Texas and all over the world with her husband and their
14 friends; Dr. and Mrs. Rainone shared a fulfilling marriage until
15 his untimely death in 1987; and

16 WHEREAS, Although Cherry Rainone is deeply missed, memories
17 of her engaging personality, her kindness, and her wisdom remain to
18 comfort those she left behind; now, therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
20 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Cherry Ruth Rainone
21 and extend sincere sympathy to the members of her family: to her
22 sons Frank Rainone, Greg Rainone and his wife, Suray, Pete Rainone,
23 and Tom Rainone; to her granddaughter, Emily Morgan; to her
24 great-grandson, Cannen; to her brothers and sisters, Madelyn
25 Cooley, Faye Spence, Carroll Harrison, Jerrell Harrison, Sam
26 Harrison, and Mary Nicolaus; and to her many other relatives and
27 friends; and, be it further

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1 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
2 prepared for the members of her family and that when the Texas House
3 of Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Cherry
4 Ruth Rainone.