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H.R. No. 487

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The citizens of Georgetown lost one of their most  
2 admired community leaders with the passing of Camille Ann Garey on  
3 November 9, 2012, at the age of 71; and

4           WHEREAS, Born in Austin on August 9, 1941, the former Cammy  
5 Blackmore was the daughter of Roland and Velma Blackmore; she led  
6 the varsity cheerleading squad at Georgetown High School and was  
7 involved in the school's theater program and in Girl Scouts; in  
8 1958, she was crowned "Miss Williamson County"; and

9           WHEREAS, After graduating, she went on to attend The  
10 University of Texas at Austin and The University of Texas Medical  
11 Branch at Galveston, where she earned a degree in physical therapy;  
12 later in her life, she continued her studies at Kaiser Permanente  
13 Hayward Medical Center and completed a degree in advanced  
14 orthopedic physical therapy; she enjoyed a highly successful  
15 career, and from 1980 to 1986, she was the owner and senior  
16 therapist at her own practice, Southwest Austin Physical Therapy  
17 Clinic; and

18           WHEREAS, On New Year's Day in 1983, she exchanged vows with  
19 Jack Garey, and they went on to enjoy three rewarding decades  
20 together; they shared an interest in cattle breeding, and Ms. Garey  
21 became the first female president of the Texas Brangus Breeders  
22 Association; well-known philanthropists, Mr. and Ms. Garey donated  
23 \$12 million to Southwestern University to fund scholarships for  
24 students in need, and they also pledged their 525-acre ranch to the

1 city for use as a public park; in recognition of their contributions  
2 to the betterment of the community, the couple received the Jesse  
3 "Buz" Sawyer Award for Philanthropy from the Georgetown Chamber of  
4 Commerce; and

5 WHEREAS, Ms. Garey further distinguished herself as  
6 executive chair of the boards of the Chisholm Trail Community  
7 Foundation, the Georgetown Women's Club, and the Georgetown  
8 Healthcare System Auxiliary; moreover, she was a trustee for  
9 Southwestern University and a member of the Georgetown Community  
10 Clinic Foundation board; among her many accolades was her receipt  
11 of the Woman of Distinction Award from the Girl Scouts of Central  
12 Texas in honor of her outstanding record of service; and

13 WHEREAS, While Ms. Garey was committed to her community, her  
14 greatest joy in life was spending time with her family; she  
15 treasured her two daughters and four grandchildren and cheered them  
16 on at all their extracurricular activities; she also shared with  
17 her grandchildren her passion for travel by treating each to  
18 one-on-one trips; and

19 WHEREAS, Although Cammy Garey will be deeply missed, memories  
20 of her compassion, her remarkable generosity, and her vibrant  
21 spirit will remain an enduring source of inspiration for all who  
22 were blessed to share in the richness of her life; now, therefore,  
23 be it

24 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas  
25 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Camille Ann Garey  
26 and extend sincere sympathy to the members of her family: to her  
27 husband, Jack Garey; to her daughters, Jill Porter Conant and her

1 husband, Jon, and Laura Porter Hall and her husband, Thomas; to her  
2 stepson, Glen Garey; to her grandchildren, Christopher, Ryan, and  
3 Will Conant and Catriana Hall; to her siblings, Shirley Blackmore  
4 Smith, Peggy Blackmore Tombs, and James Blackmore; and to her other  
5 relatives and many friends; and, be it further

6       RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
7 prepared for her family and that when the Texas House of  
8 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Camille Ann  
9 Garey.