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H.R. No. 1024

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The certain knowledge of a life well lived may
2 comfort those saddened by the death of Herta B. Sokolyk of New
3 Braunfels on January 4, 2013, at the age of 88; and

4 WHEREAS, The former Herta Barbara Vollert was born on April
5 14, 1924, in Schweinfurt, Germany; she was educated as an x-ray
6 technician at a boarding school in Freiburg, and she later worked at
7 the Schweinfurt city hospital during World War II; and

8 WHEREAS, Following the war, Mrs. Vollert fell in love with
9 Wasyl Sokolyk, a surgeon from the Ukraine, and the couple
10 immigrated to the United States in 1952; they were married in
11 Brooklyn in 1956, and later moved to Cleveland and Kansas City
12 before settling in Kerrville in 1961; over the years, their family
13 grew to include a son, Stephen, as well as three grandchildren; and

14 WHEREAS, Mrs. Sokolyk was active in a number of
15 organizations, including the Buck and Bull Club, the Kerr County
16 Extension Homemakers, the German Club, and the local Republican
17 Party; in addition, she was financial secretary for Hermann Sons
18 Lodge No. 12 for a number of years, and she also volunteered her
19 time as an election worker and as a thrift-shop employee for the
20 Humane Society; and

21 WHEREAS, After her husband passed away in 1989, Mrs. Sokolyk
22 took frequent trips abroad and visited relatives and schoolmates in
23 her home country; she moved to New Braunfels in 2006 to be closer to
24 her son and his family; and

1 WHEREAS, Herta Sokolyk was a woman of strength and compassion
2 who remained engaged in the world throughout her life, and the joy
3 she found in helping others will forever serve as an inspiration to
4 her loved ones; now, therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
6 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Herta Sokolyk and
7 extend sincere sympathy to the members of her family: to her son,
8 Stephen Sokolyk, and his wife, Beth; to her grandchildren, Katie,
9 Alex, and Steffi; to her stepsister, Elisabeth Ludwig; and to her
10 other relatives and friends; and, be it further

11 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
12 prepared for her family and that when the Texas House of
13 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Herta
14 Sokolyk.