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H.R. No. 1832

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The citizens of Taylor Lake Village lost an esteemed
2 community leader with the passing of Mayor-elect Lilian Norman
3 Keeney on April 2, 2013; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in 1938 in Gateshead, England, Lilian Keeney
5 attended Newcastle University; she later immigrated to America,
6 where she went on to become the owner of the Norman Insurance
7 Agency; and

8 WHEREAS, Mrs. Keeney had distinguished herself on the Taylor
9 Lake Village City Council and as mayor pro tem before her recent
10 election as mayor; her leadership was also acknowledged at the
11 statewide level when she was appointed as a commissioner of the
12 Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation by Governor Rick Perry
13 in 2005, and she was reappointed to that post in 2011; and

14 WHEREAS, A committed member of the Republican Party,
15 Mrs. Keeney was a three-time delegate or alternate to the party's
16 national convention; she served as president of the Bay Area
17 Republican Women, which honored her with two awards, and she was a
18 district director of the Texas Federation of Republican Women; for
19 her efforts, she was named the Senate District 11 Volunteer of the
20 Year by the state party in both 2007 and 2008; and

21 WHEREAS, Mrs. Keeney also found time to serve as vice
22 president and program chair of the Houston Symphony League Bay Area
23 and as a member of the Museum Guild of Clear Lake; active in the
24 Daughters of the British Empire, she further contributed her time

1 and talent to support Mountbatten House, a home for the elderly; in
2 addition, she was a faithful member of Gloria Dei Lutheran Church;
3 and

4 WHEREAS, Mrs. Keeney enjoyed the love and affection of her
5 husband, Jon, and she was devoted to her sons, David and Jeff; over
6 the years, she delighted in welcoming six granddaughters into her
7 family; and

8 WHEREAS, Lilian Keeney served as an inspiring role model to
9 many, and she leaves behind a legacy that will be forever treasured
10 by all those who were fortunate enough to know her; now, therefore,
11 be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
13 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Lilian Norman
14 Keeney and extend sincere sympathy to the members of her family: to
15 her husband, Jon Keeney; to her sons, Jeff Norman and his wife,
16 Elizabeth, and David Norman and his wife, Bonnie; to her
17 stepdaughter, Laura Keeney Spalding, and her husband, Charlie; to
18 her granddaughters, Katelyn, Rachel, Anne, and Emily Norman, and
19 Matti and Ellie Spalding; and to her other relatives and friends;
20 and, be it further

21 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
22 prepared for her family and that when the Texas House of
23 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Lilian
24 Norman Keeney.