

By: Turner of Harris

H.R. No. 2201

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Catherine Ferguson, the mother of our esteemed
2 colleague, the Honorable Helen Giddings, passed away on May 3,
3 2013, at the age of 89, and with her death, a full and generous life
4 has drawn to a close; and

5 WHEREAS, Born in the Dallas Metroplex on August 12, 1923, the
6 former Catherine Warren was the youngest of 11 children of Norris
7 and Susie Warren; she married her high school sweetheart, L. D.
8 Roberts, and the couple were blessed with a daughter, Helen, with
9 whom she shared a special bond; and

10 WHEREAS, Following the passing of her husband, Mrs. Ferguson
11 was fortunate enough to find love again with Arthur Ferguson, and
12 together they enjoyed many happy years of marriage; she was devoted
13 to the care of her home and her family, which grew to include three
14 grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, and a
15 great-great-grandchild; and

16 WHEREAS, Mrs. Ferguson earned a reputation for her
17 exceptional culinary skills, delighting her relatives and friends
18 with delicious meals; eventually, she established a successful
19 home-based catering business and became renowned for her specialty
20 cheesecake; and

21 WHEREAS, In all of her endeavors, Mrs. Ferguson drew
22 inspiration from her Christian faith; active in Greater New Bethel
23 Baptist Church for most of her adult life, she later joined her
24 daughter and granddaughter in attendance at St. Luke "Community"

1 United Methodist Church; and

2 WHEREAS, Cherished by all who knew her, Catherine Ferguson
3 leaves behind an enduring legacy of warmth and kindness that her
4 loved ones will forever carry close in their hearts; now,
5 therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
7 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Catherine Ferguson
8 and extend deepest sympathy to the members of her family: to her
9 daughter, Helen Giddings; to her grandchildren, Camellia Kennedy
10 and her husband, Yardley, Lisa Fields, and Stanley Giddings; to her
11 great-grandchildren, Yarmon, Geoffrey, Marcus, Jakeob, and Jordan;
12 to her great-great-grandchild, Yale Kennedy; and to her other
13 relatives and many 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 Catherine
17 Ferguson.