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H.R. No. 2604

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Family and friends will long cherish their memories
2 and celebrate the life of Jo Ann Zion of Austin, who passed away on
3 April 8, 2013, at the age of 81; and

4 WHEREAS, The daughter of Joe Shaffer and Willie May Shaffer,
5 Jo Ann Zion was born in San Antonio on June 16, 1931; she spent much
6 of her childhood in her beloved Marathon, enjoying the beauty and
7 adventure of West Texas, where her uncle, Buster Clark, owned a
8 ranch in the Big Bend country and her aunt, Lucille French Clark,
9 ran French's General Store, a local fixture from the mid-1800s
10 until the 1970s; and

11 WHEREAS, Mrs. Zion graduated from San Antonio's Baptist
12 Memorial Hospital School of Nursing in 1952; over the years, she
13 proudly served as a registered nurse, caring for adults and
14 children at John Sealy Hospital in Galveston, Sheppard-Allen
15 Hospital in Burnet, and St. Christopher's Hospital for Children in
16 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; and

17 WHEREAS, Devoted to her family, Mrs. Zion shared 47 years of
18 marriage with her husband, Dr. Tom Zion, whom she supported through
19 medical school and accompanied to Air Force and medical postings in
20 Pennsylvania, Nebraska, and Texas; she took great pride in her
21 three children, Mark, Jim, and Jane, and they in her; and

22 WHEREAS, This dynamic Texan lived a rich and purposeful life,
23 reading prolifically for both knowledge and joy, supporting liberal
24 causes and social justice, and always caring for other people and

1 for animals, as reflected in her volunteer work for hospice and for
2 the Hill Country SPCA; and

3 WHEREAS, Jo Ann Zion brightened the lives of countless people
4 during her years on this earth, and she will be deeply missed by all
5 those who had the good fortune to know her; now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
7 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Jo Ann Zion and
8 extend sincere sympathy to her loved ones: to her sons, Mark Zion
9 and his wife, Diane, and Jim Zion and his wife, Karen; to her
10 daughter, Jane Zion; to her niece, Kathryn Martin; and to her other
11 relatives and friends; and, be it further

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