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H.R. No. 2757

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The untimely passing of admired civic leader Janine
2 Foster Woody of Dallas on April 28, 2015, has brought a tremendous
3 loss to her family, to her friends, and to the residents of her
4 community; and

5 WHEREAS, The daughter of Paul and Julie Foster, the former
6 Janine Foster began her higher education at Northwestern University
7 in Evanston, Illinois, where she earned a bachelor's degree in
8 history and English; after attending law school at both Texas Tech
9 University and Texas Wesleyan University, she continued her
10 studies, completing a master of library and information science
11 degree from the University of North Texas; and

12 WHEREAS, Jan Woody gave generously of her time and expertise
13 to supporting public education in Dallas County; elected to the
14 Board of Dallas County Schools in 2005, she was also named chair of
15 the organization's Technology Committee, in which capacity she
16 helped to improve the level of technological service available to
17 local school districts; she was further elected to serve as a
18 representative to the North Texas Council of Governments and to the
19 Texas Association of School Boards Legislative Advisory Committee;
20 a certified teacher, she taught secondary school for several years
21 and shared her insights on the education committees of area
22 chambers of commerce; and

23 WHEREAS, Active in local politics from 1994 onward, Ms. Woody
24 served as a precinct chair for more than two decades and made it a

1 point to walk her precinct before every primary and general
2 election; for 10 years, she benefited the Dallas County Republican
3 Party as headquarters chair, during which time she played a part in
4 the founding of a number of Republican Clubs; she was also a member
5 of the Texas Federation of Republican Women and a former president
6 of the Richardson Republican Women; and

7 WHEREAS, Ms. Woody's interest in public safety led her to
8 organize a Town Hall on Crime and Drugs in Farmers Branch in 1990,
9 and she spent 13 years working with teens as a suicide hotline
10 volunteer and counselor; she was a longtime sponsor of the Farmers
11 Branch Adopt-a-Park and helped to organize the Garland Asian
12 American Festival, and she earned a number of well-deserved awards
13 for her efforts over the course of her lifetime; in her leisure, she
14 was a talented flute and piano player who pursued her passion for
15 music as a member of the Richardson Community Band; and

16 WHEREAS, Sustained by her deep religious faith, this devoted
17 woman volunteered extensively with Christ United Methodist Church
18 as a teacher and certified lay speaker; she was guided by a strong
19 sense of ethics in all her endeavors and fought courageously in
20 behalf of the causes in which she believed, making countless
21 friends along her life's journey; and

22 WHEREAS, While the death of Jan Woody has greatly saddened
23 all those who were privileged to know her, she leaves behind a
24 remarkable record of civic engagement and achievement that the
25 passage of time will never diminish; now, therefore, be it

26 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
27 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Janine Foster Woody

1 and extend sincere condolences to the members of her family: to her
2 husband, Bruce Woody; to her mother, Julie Foster; to her brother,
3 Paul Foster Jr.; to her nephews, Paul Foster III and Scott Foster;
4 and to her other relatives and friends; and, be it further

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