

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Family and friends are mourning the loss of admired  
2 Texas journalist Jane Ely of Houston, who died on May 4, 2009, at  
3 the age of 69; and

4           WHEREAS, Born in 1940, Jane Ely was a native Texan, the  
5 daughter of Fort Worth banker and cattle broker William Ely; and

6           WHEREAS, In the mid-1960s, Ms. Ely learned her trade by  
7 working as a police reporter for the *Houston Post*, and she went on  
8 to become a political writer and assistant city editor for that  
9 paper; in 1988, Ms. Ely moved to the *Houston Chronicle*, where she  
10 covered national politics before becoming an editorial page  
11 columnist; and

12           WHEREAS, Ms. Ely was respected by her colleagues as well as by  
13 the people they covered for her willingness to ask direct,  
14 hard-hitting questions, and one of her editors at the *Chronicle*  
15 described her as "sharp as a tack, hard as nails, and as subtle as a  
16 ball-peen hammer"; and

17           WHEREAS, Former Texas lieutenant governor Bill Hobby, who had  
18 also been her boss at the *Houston Post*, called her one of the finest  
19 reporters he'd ever known, and former president George H. W. Bush  
20 said she was "the best political reporter of her generation"; she  
21 retired in 2004; and

22           WHEREAS, This veteran, old-school journalist will long be  
23 remembered for her droll and self-deprecating wit, her love of a  
24 good time, her keen understanding of politics, and her commitment

1 to informing and enlightening her readers; now, therefore, be it

2       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas  
3 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Jane Ely and extend  
4 sincere condolences to her sister, Suzanne Ely, and to her other  
5 relatives and friends; and, be it further

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

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H.R. No. 2660

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2660 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on May 31, 2009.

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Chief Clerk of the House