



PROCLAMATION

CASTROVILLE, TEXAS

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(The Original Alsatian Colony)

Whereas, Carole Emily (Sale) Romano was born in Corpus Christi, Texas on January 23, 1934, and raised in San Antonio, Texas. She graduated from Thomas Jefferson High School, and met the future love of her life, Louis Romano in San Antonio. They married in 1953, and Carole attended Colorado Women's College and later completed her studies with a degree in Education from Trinity University in 1972, and went on to teach for 20 years, educating children and influencing all who had the pleasure of knowing her; and,

Whereas, Carole became very interested in history and genealogy due to her family's proud heritage dating back to the signing of the Magna Carta, and her ancestors settling in Colonial Virginia on an original land grant. She talked about loving to travel to Castroville and surrounding towns as a child with her father, who was a Moline tractor salesman, and visited the local farms and farmers of Alsatian and German descent; and,

Whereas, Carole later became a member of numerous lineage societies including Daughters of the American Revolution, Colonial Dames of America and Daughters of the Confederacy; and

Whereas, Carole was active in her community volunteering and performing charity work in San Antonio and later in Castroville. She co-founded the Olmos Park Garden Club in 1964, and was in the San Antonio Conservation Society for many years; and,

Whereas, Carole and her husband Louis purchased a historic home in Castroville in 1990, leading to a 5-year restoration project, restoring it to its original historical architectural features and re-purposing original materials. Their home was listed on the National Register of Historic Places, known as the Bippert-Kueck home and was honored with a PCH Marker from the Castro Garden Club, the San Antonio Conservation Society Preservation Award and Plaque, and a Castroville Conservation Society Plaque. Their historic home was featured in a 2001 episode of This Old House and on the Home and Garden TV program.

Whereas, Carole and her husband Louis founded the Castroville Conservation Society (CCS) in 2000. She served multiple years as the President of the Board and then remained serving on the Board up to 2013, with a mission to preserve historic buildings, archeological sites, and to showcase the architecture and history of Castroville, Texas and to keep the culture and tradition intact for generations to come; and,

Whereas, Carole's leadership and influence led the Castroville Conservation Society to flourish by providing seminars and workshops with statewide and local speakers on topics of local architectural styles, preservation, historical stories, and encouraging the members to become

involved in the Texas Historical Preservation Society, of which she and Louis were both active participants. They recognized local citizens for their historic preservation efforts, initiated an annual Christmas Candlelight Open House of Historic Homes for public viewing, initiated a scholarship program for local graduating seniors interested in preservation, and sponsored local school art projects for National Historic Preservation month and programs by the Witte Outreach Theater, such as the Vaquero y Cowboy play for Texas History month and the Buffalo Soldiers play in honor of Black History month with the MVID and St. Louis Schools, among many other conservation educational projects; and,

***W**hereas, Carole attended City Council meetings regularly and advocated for the protection and preservation of historic homes and sites, property rights, and environmental issues to keep Castroville pristine, original, and culturally intact despite the growing influences of the area; and,*

***W**hereas, Carole was the matriarch of her blessed family which consists of four children, including Louis Jr., Elizabeth, Ray and Todd; 7 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren, whom she loved dearly with her husband Louis, and whom always came first.*

***W**hereas, Carole passed away on June 29, 2025, and prior to her passing, she made great contributions to our community of Alsatian/German heritage. Her impact was immeasurable, and she will be greatly missed.*

***N**ow, **Therefore,** be it resolved that I, Bruce Alexander, Mayor of Castroville, hereby proclaim Mrs. Carole Emily Romano a beneficial citizen of the City of Castroville, Texas and extend our heartfelt appreciation to her family for Carol's support of the City.*

*GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL
OF THE CITY OF CASTROVILLE, TEXAS
THIS 19th DAY OF NOVEMBER 2025.*

Mayor Bruce Alexander