

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The passing of Mattie Katherine Bills on February
2 25, 2007, at the age of 92, has deeply saddened the family and
3 friends of this beloved woman; and

4 WHEREAS, Mattie Bills was born to Elias Jefferson and Olive
5 Chilottie Gray on May 9, 1914, at Gray's Hotel in Deport; generous
6 and hard working from a young age, she left school prematurely as a
7 youth to help support her family, which struggled to make ends meet
8 as a result of her father's blindness; and

9 WHEREAS, Joined in marriage to Daniel Bills on October 3,
10 1931, she enjoyed a rewarding 47-year marriage and was a source of
11 strength and support to her husband throughout his tenure as
12 sheriff of Lamar County and later as the chief of police in Paris;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, In addition to being a homemaker, Mrs. Bills was
15 active in the First Baptist Church and its Sunday school class as
16 well as the 4 Leaf Clover Club and the Rebekahs; and

17 WHEREAS, Mattie Bills will be remembered for her genuine
18 compassion for others and for the kindness and affection she shared
19 with her family and friends, and she will live on in the hearts of
20 those who knew and loved her; now, therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, That the 80th Legislature of the State of Texas
22 hereby pay tribute to the life of Mattie Katherine Bills and extend
23 sincere sympathy to the members of her family: to her daughters,
24 Sarah Gambill and her husband, Glen, and Annelle Harty and her

1 husband, Bob; to her grandchildren, Katherine Harty Noland, Julie
2 Harty Kampfer, Robert Harty, Jr., Daniel Gambill, and Gail Gambill
3 King; to her 13 great-grandchildren, Amy Kampfer, Trey Kampfer,
4 Daniel Kampfer, Matthew Noland, Sarah Noland, Sean Noland, Robert
5 Harty III, Jamie Harty, Hunter Harty, Ashlee Gambill, Daniel
6 Gambill, Katherine King, and Kendall King; to her nephew, James
7 David Cotton, and her niece, Connie Cotton Brem; and to her other
8 relatives and friends; and, be it further

9 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
10 prepared for her family and that when the Texas House of
11 Representatives and Senate adjourn this day, they do so in memory of
12 Mattie Katherine Bills.

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David Dewhurst

President of the Senate

Jim Coulter

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 10 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on April 5, 2007.

Robert Haney
Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 10 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the Senate on May 2, 2007.

Aetsy Jane
Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: 18 MAY 07

Date

RICK PERRY
Governor

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