

By: Turner of Tarrant

H.R. No. 162

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The community of Grand Prairie lost a beloved
2 resident with the death of Janice Waggoner England on December 26,
3 2020, at the age of 81; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in Hamilton to Jay and Nadine Waggoner on June
5 19, 1939, "Nece" Waggoner grew up in Grand Prairie with her sister,
6 Gwen; she was a Gopher cheerleader at Grand Prairie High School, and
7 after graduating, she worked for Mercantile Bank in Dallas; in
8 1958, she married Charles England, and the couple shared 62 years
9 together; Mrs. England took great pride in her children, Rhonda,
10 Kirk, and Lori, and later in life, she had the pleasure of welcoming
11 into her family six grandchildren, Clayton, Clint, Charles, Sam,
12 Katy, and Janna, and eight great-grandchildren, Jack, Charlie, Jay,
13 Elizabeth, Andrew, Maggie, Harrison, and Jeff; and

14 WHEREAS, During the 1960s, Mrs. England helped her husband
15 run a successful State Farm insurance agency while raising her
16 three children, and she also contributed generously to her
17 community through her work with the Woman's Club of Grand Prairie,
18 the Grand Prairie Boys and Girls Club, Meals on Wheels, and First
19 United Methodist Church; after Mr. England was elected mayor of
20 Grand Prairie in 1992, she served with distinction for 21 years as
21 the city's first lady; and

22 WHEREAS, Dedicated above all to her family, Mrs. England was
23 an enthusiastic and tireless supporter of her grandchildren's
24 activities when they were growing up, attending more than 2,600

1 events over the years, from baseball games to recitals; she
2 especially delighted in the many gatherings at the family's home on
3 Lake Whitney, where she shared in joyous celebrations around the
4 fire pit that lasted late into the night; and

5 WHEREAS, Nece England lived a rich and purposeful life, and
6 she leaves behind a legacy of love, kindness, and *joie de vivre* that
7 will continue to inspire all those who were fortunate enough to know
8 her; now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
10 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Janice Waggoner
11 England and extend heartfelt sympathy to her family and many
12 friends; and, be it further

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