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S.R. No. 43

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A rich and purposeful life drew to a close with the
2 passing of Mary Adele Oden of Kilgore on August 21, 2023, at the age
3 of 83; and

4 WHEREAS, Mary Oden was born to Earnest and Yvonne Stoufflet
5 Eaves on February 7, 1940, in Houma, Louisiana, and she was raised
6 on her family's dairy farm in Greenwood, Louisiana, with her
7 brother, Earnest; an alumna of Louisiana Tech University, she later
8 returned to school, earning a bachelor's degree in biology from The
9 University of Texas at Tyler and a graduate degree in physics and
10 biology from Stephen F. Austin State University; and

11 WHEREAS, Ms. Oden enjoyed a 22-year career as a medical
12 technician and went on to work as a science teacher in Kilgore for
13 nearly two and a half decades; active in her community, she served
14 as a director of the Cross Roads Special Utility District, and she
15 was a hospice volunteer and a Sunday school teacher; and

16 WHEREAS, Valuing family above all else, Ms. Oden shared a
17 rewarding marriage with her husband, Donnie Oden, that spanned 44
18 years before his passing; she took great pride in their two
19 children, Vonn and Matt, and through the years, she was further
20 blessed with two grandchildren, Ryan and Madison, and a
21 great-grandson, Cole; in her leisure hours, she enjoyed collecting
22 coins and stamps, and some of her favorite memories were of her
23 trips to Europe with her daughter; and

24 WHEREAS, Although she is deeply missed, the passage of time

1 will never diminish the joy and love that Mary Oden brought into the
2 lives of all who knew her; now, therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, That the Senate of the 88th Texas Legislature, 3rd
4 Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the memory of Mary Adele Oden
5 and extend heartfelt sympathy to her family and friends; and, be it
6 further

7 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
8 prepared for her family and that when the Texas Senate adjourns this
9 day, it do so in memory of Mary Oden.