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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Family and friends will long cherish their memories
2 of Lou Ethel Gaw of Marshall, who passed away on July 16, 2023, at
3 the age of 94; and

4 WHEREAS, The daughter of Ralph and Ida Ramey, the former Lou
5 Ramey was born in Gilmer on June 21, 1929; a standout student at
6 Gilmer High School, she was a member of several campus
7 organizations, and she graduated as valedictorian in 1946; and

8 WHEREAS, Mrs. Gaw went on to receive a bachelor's degree in
9 Latin and English from The University of Texas at Austin, and she
10 later earned a master's degree from East Texas State University;
11 following a year teaching high school in San Angelo, she took a job
12 at the R. G. LeTourneau company, where she met her future husband,
13 William "Bill" Gaw Jr.; the couple wed in 1953; and

14 WHEREAS, In 1963, Mr. and Mrs. Gaw moved from Longview to
15 Marshall, and Mrs. Gaw went on to serve as both a full-time and
16 substitute teacher; active in her community, she gave generously of
17 her time and talents to numerous organizations; in addition to her
18 dedication to the Marshall Rotary Club, she was a founding member of
19 the Republican Women of Harrison County in 1968, and she was
20 involved in a number of conservative political groups; she held
21 local and state positions in the Texas Federation of Republican
22 Women and the Republican Party of Texas and served on the Civic
23 Center Advisory Board, as well as the boards of the annual Marshall
24 Days at the Capitol, the local library, the Charter Commission, and

1 the Marshall Regional Arts Council; moreover, she brought a number
2 of high-ranking officials, including two U.S. presidents, to East
3 Texas to speak with local voters, and in 2000, she was chosen as the
4 Outstanding Citizen of the Year by the Greater Marshall Chamber of
5 Commerce; and

6 WHEREAS, Mrs. Gaw shared a rewarding marriage with her
7 husband, who preceded her in death; they raised two children, Lee
8 and Kelly, and their treasured family grew to include their
9 grandchildren, Christopher, Halie, Michael, Ross, and Jay, as well
10 as their great-grandchildren, Ava and Tyler; a woman of faith,
11 Mrs. Gaw was a dedicated congregant of First Methodist Church; in
12 her leisure time, she enjoyed playing bridge; and

13 WHEREAS, Lou Gaw lived a life that was rich in family,
14 friends, and community service, and those who were privileged to
15 share in her love and affection will forever hold her close in their
16 hearts; now, therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, That the Senate of the 88th Texas Legislature, 4th
18 Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the memory of Lou Ethel Gaw
19 and extend sincere condolences to all who mourn her passing; and, be
20 it further

21 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
22 prepared for her family and that when the Texas Senate adjourns this
23 day, it do so in memory of Lou Gaw.