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H.C.R. No. 52

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Wichita Falls lost a cherished member of the  
2 community with the passing of Minnie Rhea Wood on January 25, 2003,  
3 at the age of 94; and

4 WHEREAS, Named the Texas "Philanthropist of the Year" in  
5 1993, Mrs. Wood was well known for her generosity and dedication to  
6 the betterment of Wichita Falls; and

7 WHEREAS, Mrs. Wood arrived in her adopted home in the early  
8 1920s and became a partner in the Fain and McGaha Oil Company and  
9 the director of McClurkans Department Store, and she was also  
10 involved in ranching; and

11 WHEREAS, Active in civic affairs, she served on the boards of  
12 City National Bank, the YMCA, the Midwestern University Foundation,  
13 the Wichita Falls Museum and Art Center, the Wichita Falls Symphony  
14 Orchestra, and Presbyterian Manor; and

15 WHEREAS, A major benefactor of Midwestern State University,  
16 she donated \$2 million to improve the fine arts program of the  
17 university and later gave \$1 million to establish a scholarship  
18 fund for students studying nursing, radiology, dental hygiene, and  
19 respiratory care; and

20 WHEREAS, Mrs. Wood also gave generously to the First  
21 Presbyterian Church, the Wichita Falls Museum and Art Center, and  
22 the Eighth Street campus of the United Regional Health Care System;  
23 and

24 WHEREAS, A notable community philanthropist, Mrs. Wood gave

1 unselfishly to others and will long be remembered for her  
2 compassionate nature; now, therefore, be it

3       RESOLVED, That the 78th Legislature of the State of Texas  
4 hereby honor the life of Minnie Rhea Wood and extend sincere  
5 sympathy to her family: to her daughter, Martha Fain; to her  
6 grandson and granddaughter; to her four great-grandchildren; and to  
7 her many friends; and, be it further

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