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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The citizens of Dallas lost a prominent civic leader
2 and grand lady with the passing of Mildred Ross Willard McCool on
3 July 23, 2002, at the age of 95; and

4 WHEREAS, Born on January 21, 1907, in Ticonderoga, New York,
5 she grew up in Johnson City, Tennessee, where she graduated from
6 high school and attended East Tennessee Normal School; and

7 WHEREAS, She moved with her husband John Fisher Willard to
8 Dallas in 1929 when he joined his uncle's firm, the Willard Davis
9 Hat Company; after her husband's untimely passing, she served as an
10 officer of the company for many years, successfully combining her
11 career with heading a one-parent household; she later married John
12 Thomas McCool, who preceded her in death after a long and happy
13 marriage; and

14 WHEREAS, Mrs. McCool was an invaluable member of a host of
15 Dallas-area organizations, a great number of which she served as
16 president; her affiliations included the Zonta Club, the Business
17 and Professional Women's Club, the Harmony Club, the Lazy Susan
18 Garden Club, Colonial Dames of the 17th Century, and numerous
19 bridge and luncheon groups; she was a longtime member of the Church
20 of the Incarnation altar guild and a charter member of the Church of
21 the Holy Communion; and

22 WHEREAS, A world traveler well into her eighties, this
23 remarkable woman enjoyed visits to Alaska, Mexico, and the Holy
24 Land in her later years; and

1 WHEREAS, Throughout her life, Mrs. McCool demonstrated a deep
2 commitment to her family, her church, and her community; those who
3 were privileged to enjoy her friendship will treasure her memory
4 for many years to come; now, therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
6 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Mildred Ross Willard
7 McCool and extend sincere sympathy to her daughters, Eleanor
8 Willard Standefer and Sue Willard Olivier; to her 8 grandchildren
9 and 12 great-grandchildren; and to her other relatives and many
10 friends; and, be it further

11 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
12 prepared for the members of her family and that when the Texas House
13 of Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Mildred
14 Ross Willard McCool.