

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The passing of Sara Carolyn Bigby Northington of
2 Meadow Lakes on December 28, 2002, has brought a profound sadness to
3 the family and many friends of this beloved woman; and

4 WHEREAS, A native Texan, she was born on August 24, 1935, on
5 the family farm in Runnels County to Minnie Marks and Walter
6 Nathaniel Bigby, who were also natives of the county; as a student
7 at Texas Tech University, she was selected a Top 10 beauty on campus
8 her freshman year; and

9 WHEREAS, She exchanged wedding vows with Bob Northington on
10 January 30, 1954, at First Methodist Church in Ballinger; the
11 couple enjoyed a close and rewarding marriage and Mrs. Northington
12 cherished her daughter, two sons, and 11 grandchildren; and

13 WHEREAS, A dedicated homemaker throughout her marriage, Mrs.
14 Northington was also an astute businesswoman who co-owned The
15 Midland Company; she was involved with the construction of a
16 natural gas liquids extraction facility, and she owned and operated
17 a women's clothing store; and

18 WHEREAS, Mrs. Northington was a woman of strong faith who was
19 a founding member of churches in Midland and Amarillo and took
20 inspiration in her favorite hymn, "In the Garden"; she made time to
21 support a number of worthy organizations, including the Carnegie
22 Library in Ballinger, the Marble Falls Library, the Presbyterian
23 Children's Home, Llano Memorial Hospice, and the American Cancer
24 Society; and

1 WHEREAS, Those who were privileged to know Sara Carolyn
2 Northington will long miss her kindness and gracious manner, and
3 her memory will surely live on in the minds and hearts of the many
4 people whose lives she touched; now, therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
6 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Sara Carolyn
7 Northington and extend sincere sympathy to the members of her
8 family: to her husband, Bob Northington; to her daughter, Diana
9 Northington Samponaro and her husband, Peter; to her sons and
10 daughters-in-law, Charles and Dina Northington and John and Michele
11 Northington; to her grandchildren, Caroline, Amanda, Peter John,
12 and Nichola Samponaro; Chase, Alexandra, Carter, Patricia, John
13 Wesley, Henry, and Virginia Northington; to her brother and sister,
14 John Bigby and Becky Bigby Block; and to her other relatives and
15 many friends; and, be it further

16 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
17 prepared for her family and that when the Texas House of
18 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Sara
19 Carolyn Bigby Northington.

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H.R. No. 218

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 218 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on February 18, 2003.

Chief Clerk of the House