

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The passing of Martha George Beard of Waco on
2 September 23, 2002, at the age of 74, deeply saddened her family and
3 many friends throughout the Waco community; and

4 WHEREAS, A native Texan, she was born on June 4, 1928, in
5 Blooming Grove; she graduated from Texas State College for Women
6 with a degree in costume design, later took education courses at The
7 University of Texas, and taught in Odessa before her marriage to Pat
8 Beard in 1954; and

9 WHEREAS, One of the Waco Symphony Orchestra's most avid
10 supporters, she was a past president of the Waco Symphony Council
11 and the first woman to serve as president of the Waco Symphony
12 Association; her community involvement extended to the boards of
13 the Texas Cultural Trust Endowment, the Waco Hippodrome, and the
14 Art Center of Waco, and she was a longtime patron of the Lyric Opera
15 of Waco; and

16 WHEREAS, This valued congregant of Austin Avenue United
17 Methodist Church was a board member at the time of her passing, and
18 participated as well with the Central Texas Senior Ministry and
19 Caritas, the latter of which she had benefited as president and as a
20 board member; she co-chaired the McLennan Community College
21 Foundation and shared her time and resources with the Junior League
22 of Waco, the Waco Cotton Palace, and the Brazos Forum; and

23 WHEREAS, This beloved woman had the gift of making people
24 feel special; while many will remember her for her contributions to

1 her community, her family will always cherish the long hours she
2 spent sewing dress-up clothes and attending school events in which
3 her grandchildren participated; and

4 WHEREAS, Those who were fortunate enough to know Martha Beard
5 will long remember her with great affection and admiration and the
6 blessing of her life will warm their hearts for many years to come;
7 now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
9 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Martha George Beard
10 and extend sincere sympathy to her husband, Pat Beard; to her
11 daughter, Carey Casey, and her husband, Don; to her sons, Mike Beard
12 and his wife, Vicki; Bramlet Beard and his wife, Michelle; Joe Beard
13 and his wife, Sherry; and Bob Beard and his wife, Laura; to her
14 grandchildren; to her sisters, Jane Taylor and Bobby Jo Dyar; to her
15 nephew, Horace Beard; and to her other relatives and many friends;
16 and, be it further

17 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
18 prepared for her family and that when the Texas House of
19 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Martha
20 George Beard.

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H.R. No. 1257

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1257 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on May 21, 2003.

Chief Clerk of the House