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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.