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RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Lee County has lost a valued citizen and historian 2 with the passing of Ruby Vance of Lexington on April 14, 2003, at 3 the age of 93; and

WHEREAS, Born on April 1, 1910, in Cole Springs, the former
Ruby Nettles became the wife of Robert Lee Vance on August 19, 1930,
in Rockdale, and their union was blessed with three children; and

WHEREAS, A lifelong homemaker, Mrs. Vance was a member of Lexington United Methodist Church and a beloved member of the community who was honored, together with her husband, as the recipient of an Outstanding Citizens Award in 1982; she had an extensive knowledge of Lee County history and helped to author books on the subject; Mrs. Vance belonged to the Lee County Historical Association and the Lee County Heritage Society, and she was a founding member of the Pioneer Village Log Cabins in Lexington; and

WHEREAS, Deeply missed by all who knew her, this distinguished woman played a significant role in helping to record the history of the area for current and future generations, and she leaves behind a lasting legacy of achievement and countless friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Ruby Vance and extend sincere sympathy to the members of her family: to her son, Robert J. Vance and his wife, Nita; to her daughter, Mary Beth Gibson and

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- 1 her husband, Carlton; to her brother, J. M. "Mac" Nettles; to her
- 2 sister, Carrie B. Shea; to her four grandchildren and two
- 3 great-grandchildren; and to her other loved ones; and, be it
- 4 further
- 5 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
- 6 prepared for her family and that when the Texas House of
- 7 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Ruby Vance.

Cook of Colorado

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1553 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on May 30, 2003.

Chief Clerk of the House