

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 171

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to pay tribute to Lee Ruth Graves Campbell on the grand occasion of her 87th birthday; and

WHEREAS, Lee Ruth, affectionately known as "Grammy," is noted for her charm and generosity of spirit, and she is a respected resident of Goldthwaite; and

WHEREAS, Born to Tom Brown Graves and Rachel Amber Sullivan Graves on February 14, 1916, in Mills County, Lee Ruth Graves was one of six children; her siblings are Dr. Thomas Clark Graves, Mrs. Mabel Lillian Shetlar, Dr. John Reese Graves, Dr. Samuel Worth Graves, and Mrs. Amber Florence Turner; and

WHEREAS, Lee Ruth Graves married Howard Burns Campbell on July 18, 1942, in San Marcos, Texas; their children, Kay Claire Harward, Cecil Clark Campbell, and Sam Charles Campbell, and their grandchildren, Heather Lee Harward, Mary Catherine Campbell, Charles Cary Campbell, Clark Thomas Campbell, and Luci Claire Campbell, have been the source of much pride and joy; and

WHEREAS, Lee Ruth earned a bachelor's degree from Southwest Texas State University in 1939 and taught school for nearly 30 years; now retired, she is an active member and past president of the Mills County Retired Teachers Association; and

WHEREAS, Known for her enthusiasm for living each day to the fullest, Lee Ruth participates in numerous community activities; she is dedicated to her work as a member of the Mills County Historical Commission, and she has devoted countless hours to the construction and maintenance of the Mills County Civic Center; she is also a member of the Mills County Chamber of Commerce and a faithful volunteer at the Mills County Museum; and

WHEREAS, She is a member of the Self Culture Club and the Daughters of the American Revolution; a former board member of the Central Texas Mental Health Mental Retardation Center, she has also given generously of her time and energy as a volunteer for the community's literacy program; and

WHEREAS, She is a lifelong member of the First United Methodist Church in Goldthwaite, where she participates in United Methodist Women and sings in the choir; and

WHEREAS, Greatly admired for her gifts as a gardener, Lee Ruth brings beauty to her home and to her neighborhood by filling her yard with irises, geraniums, caladiums, herbs, bluebonnets, and many green plants; and

WHEREAS, A beloved and respected member of her community, Lee Ruth is noted for her intelligence, her wit, her strength, and her unconditional love of others; now, therefore, be it

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RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 78th Legislature, hereby recognize Lee Ruth Graves Campbell as a treasured citizen of Goldthwaite and our state and extend to her best wishes on the joyful occasion of her 87th birthday; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for her as a memento of this special day.

Averitt, Fraser

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on February 13, 2003.

Secretary of the Senate

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