

By: Cook of Navarro

H.R. No. 91

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, With the passing of Ferma C. Stewart on June 12,  
2 2005, at the age of 93, Navarro County has lost a distinguished  
3 native son, and we join his family members and many admirers in  
4 mourning their loss; and

5           WHEREAS, Born on July 29, 1911, in Pursley, Mr. Stewart moved  
6 to Corsicana at the age of five, and it was there that he first  
7 exercised his entrepreneurial spirit, selling popcorn on Beaton  
8 Street at the age of 12; and

9           WHEREAS, As he grew, so did the size and success of his  
10 business ventures, and in 1939 he founded Stewart Motor Company,  
11 the General Motors auto dealership he ran for more than four  
12 decades; and

13           WHEREAS, He was also a founder of Navarro Savings & Loan, Red  
14 Oak Bank, and Red Circle Supply, and served as a director on the  
15 boards of Twilight Home, Family Service, Ranch Properties, Inc.,  
16 and the First National Bank of Corsicana, where he was chairman of  
17 the board; and

18           WHEREAS, A member of the U.S. Air Corps during World War II,  
19 Mr. Stewart gave generously of his time and talent for the greater  
20 good, serving as president of the Corsicana Chamber of Commerce and  
21 as a member of the Corsicana Planning and Zoning Commission, and in  
22 2003 he was named Navarro County's Older Texan of the Year; and

23           WHEREAS, In addition, Mr. Stewart was a faithful member of  
24 Westhill Church of Christ who enjoyed helping others, and he leaves

1 behind a legacy to treasure for those who held him dear; now,  
2 therefore, be it

3         RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas  
4 Legislature, 2nd Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the life of  
5 Ferma C. Stewart and extend sincere sympathy to the members of his  
6 family: to his wife of 67 years, Ava Nell Cole Stewart; to his  
7 children, Sharon Stewart, Sally Van Gee and her husband, Stephen,  
8 Mary Jane Randolph and her husband, Dennis, and Jim Stewart; to his  
9 grandchildren and great-grandchild; to his brother, Maco Stewart;  
10 to his sister, Winona Stewart; to his numerous other relatives and  
11 friends; and, be it further

12         RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
13 prepared for the members of his family and that when the Texas House  
14 of Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Ferma C.  
15 Stewart.