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H.R. No. 149

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The passing of Lucille McLaughlin of Alpine and Port  
2 Lavaca on June 19, 2005, at the age of 88, has left behind a host of  
3 loved ones who treasure the richness she brought to their lives; and

4           WHEREAS, Born Lucille Edna Shay on July 7, 1916, in Syracuse,  
5 New York, Mrs. McLaughlin grew up in a close-knit family with the  
6 companionship of a brother, Martin, and two sisters, Pauline and  
7 Gloria; after graduating from high school, she attended a business  
8 school in her hometown and then worked as a secretary, first for a  
9 local merchant and later on a naval base in Bermuda; and

10           WHEREAS, In 1942, Mrs. McLaughlin took a cross-country train  
11 trip from New York to Seattle, Washington, to exchange wedding vows  
12 with Chief Petty Officer Frank Raymond "Ray" McLaughlin on October  
13 26, while the groom was on a brief leave from his assignment in the  
14 Aleutian Islands; the couple enjoyed a loving marriage for nearly  
15 six decades, until Mr. McLaughlin's passing in 2001; and

16           WHEREAS, Mrs. McLaughlin took great satisfaction in her roles  
17 as a devoted wife and as the mother of two treasured children, and  
18 her life was further enriched with the arrival of four  
19 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren; and

20           WHEREAS, Mr. McLaughlin's military career took the family to  
21 various posts within the United States and overseas; following  
22 retirement, the couple continued their journeys, visiting nearly  
23 every continent in the course of either vacationing or attending  
24 conventions of Lions International; and

1           WHEREAS, After moving from Florida to Alpine in 1975, the  
2           McLaughlins became active residents of that West Texas community;  
3           they were among the founding congregants of Holy Cross Anglican  
4           Church, where Mrs. McLaughlin shared her time and talents as a  
5           member of the altar guild; and

6           WHEREAS, The pair were also leaders of Lions District 2-T3;  
7           Mrs. McLaughlin served as First Lady of the district while her  
8           husband held the office of district governor in 1981-1982, and she  
9           later served as First Lady of the Texas Lions Camp, a facility for  
10          ill and disabled children, during Mr. McLaughlin's tenure as camp  
11          president in 1989-1990; in addition, Mrs. McLaughlin held the  
12          distinction of being the first female member of the Alpine Noon  
13          Lions Club; and

14          WHEREAS, In 2001, Mrs. McLaughlin relocated to Port Lavaca to  
15          be closer to her children; throughout her life, this admired  
16          individual was an avid gardener and traveler who took pleasure in  
17          bird watching, enjoyed good food, and won the hearts of all who knew  
18          her; and

19          WHEREAS, Though she is sorely missed, the memory of Lucille  
20          McLaughlin's many kindnesses and warm and generous nature will long  
21          be cherished by those who were fortunate to share in her love and  
22          affection; now, therefore, be it

23          RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas  
24          Legislature, 2nd Called Session, hereby pay special tribute to the  
25          life of Lucille Edna McLaughlin and extend sincere sympathy to the  
26          members of her family: to her daughter, Gloria McLaughlin; to her  
27          son, Douglas McLaughlin, and his wife, Mary; to her grandchildren

1 and great-grandchildren; to her sister and brother-in-law, Gloria  
2 and Robert Garrity; and to all who mourn the passing of this beloved  
3 woman; and, be it further

4       RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
5 prepared for her family and that when the Texas House of  
6 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Lucille  
7 Edna McLaughlin.