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H.R. No. 174

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Memories of a life filled with joyful times and  
2 meaningful accomplishments may comfort the family and friends of  
3 Nelda Ann Overstreet of Kountze, who passed away on July 27, 2005,  
4 at the age of 59; and

5           WHEREAS, Born on October 8, 1945, to Sam and Juanita Owings in  
6 Pine Bluff, Arkansas, the former Nelda Ann Owings graduated as the  
7 valedictorian of Kountze High School in 1963; she became an  
8 educator and taught math for 32 years in Channelview, Silsbee, and  
9 the Warren Independent School District before her retirement; and

10           WHEREAS, Mrs. Overstreet was a tireless advocate for her  
11 community who was devoted to promoting Hardin County and preserving  
12 its rich heritage; she was highly instrumental in the restoration  
13 of the Kirby-Hill House, which she served as a board member and  
14 curator, and she helped to secure its status on the National  
15 Register of Historic Places and founded its educational foundation;  
16 moreover, she established the Old Hardin Wildflowers Association,  
17 founded and served as president of the Hardin County Tourist  
18 Bureau, and was a former director of the Holland Cemetery  
19 Association and the Southeast Texas Arts Council; and

20           WHEREAS, Mrs. Overstreet also gave generously of her time and  
21 talents to represent Hardin County on the Jefferson County Regional  
22 Tourism Center, to serve as a member of the Ghost Road County Park  
23 Committee, as first mate to the captain of Timber Ridge Tours, and  
24 as a contributing writer to the *Hardin County News*; and

1           WHEREAS, This notable Texan leaves behind a legacy of  
2 achievement that will long be felt in the community she was proud to  
3 call home and a host of loved ones who will cherish her memory; now,  
4 therefore, be it

5           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas  
6 Legislature, 2nd Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the life of  
7 Nelda Ann Overstreet and extend deepest sympathy to the members of  
8 her family: to her husband and best friend, James "Bobo"  
9 Overstreet; to her daughters, Leanne Imer and her husband, Bradley,  
10 and Amanda Overstreet; to her sisters, Nancy Gandy, Carol McDonald,  
11 and Terry McNeely; to her grandchildren, Michael, Anthony, Madison,  
12 and Elsie Belle; and to her other relatives and many friends; and,  
13 be it further

14           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
15 prepared for her family and that when the Texas House of  
16 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Nelda Ann  
17 Overstreet.