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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Emma Perry, a longtime resident of Abilene, Texas
2 died Friday, August 5, 2005 at the age of 104 after a lifetime of
3 service to others; and

4 WHEREAS, she was the oldest living breast cancer survivor in
5 North America and was the last of ten children in her family to pass
6 away; and

7 WHEREAS, she was born February 4, 1901 in Coffee County,
8 Tennessee; and

9 WHEREAS, she and her late husband, Litt Perry, moved to
10 Abilene in 1926 following their marriage in Fort Worth; and

11 WHEREAS, she became the first individual in Abilene to
12 operate a comptometer, a primitive but quite fast adding machine
13 and taught classes on its use at the Draughn's Business School; and

14 WHEREAS, Mrs. Perry also worked for Musser Lumber Company and
15 West Texas Utilities as an office clerk and secretary; and

16 WHEREAS, she and her husband, Litt, owned and operated the
17 Perry Dental Lab in Abilene; and

18 WHEREAS, she was a charter member of Cora Posey Order of the
19 Eastern Star and a member of the Social Order Beauceant; and

20 WHEREAS, she and Mr. Litt founded the First Christian
21 Hispanic Mission at Graham Street and Ambler Avenue in the
22 mid-1950's; and

23 WHEREAS, the First Christian Church of Abilene recently named
24 one of their fellowship centers the Litt and Emma Perry Missions

1 Building; and

2 WHEREAS, a Sunday School Class at the Church named the Perry
3 Class has been active for almost 50 years; and

4 WHEREAS, this great lady was well respected and loved by the
5 entire congregation where she worshipped; and

6 WHEREAS, her funeral service was held at the First Christian
7 Church of Abilene on Wednesday, August 10, 2005 with Dr. Tom Lyda
8 and Dr. Chris Diebel officiating and her burial followed in Cedar
9 Hill Cemetery in the city' now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
11 Legislature hereby honor the wonderful life of Emma Perry and her
12 devoted service to her church, her community, and her family.