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H.R. No. 45

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A full and generous life has come to an end with the
2 passing of Anna Elisabeth Strohacker of Kerrville at the age of 85;
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4 WHEREAS, The daughter of W. A. "Bill" and Mabel Sullivan,
5 Mrs. Strohacker was born on June 15, 1920, in Billings, Montana, and
6 raised in Kerrville, where she grew up with the companionship of a
7 brother and three sisters; and

8 WHEREAS, An alumna of Tivy High School, she attended
9 Schreiner Institute and held several secretarial posts before
10 becoming chief clerk for the Kerr County Ration Board; while
11 serving in that capacity in 1943, Miss Sullivan met and married
12 local rancher Louis G. Strohacker; the bride was joyfully embraced
13 by her new in-laws and worked alongside her husband in the family
14 ranching and farming enterprise, a challenging life Mrs. Strohacker
15 found exceptionally rewarding; and

16 WHEREAS, Long active in her community, this esteemed Texan
17 was a valued member of the First Presbyterian Church, Kerr County
18 Historical Commission, Home Demonstration Club, and Turtle Creek
19 Sewing Club, as well as a charter member of the Hill Country Chapter
20 of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers Association Auxiliary
21 Committee; and

22 WHEREAS, Betty Strohacker became the first woman to serve on
23 the board of the Upper Guadalupe River Authority when Governor Bill
24 Clements appointed her to that body in 1981, and she subsequently

1 served two terms as board president; and

2 WHEREAS, Mrs. Strohacker also worked diligently in behalf of
3 the Republican Party, holding primary elections in her home and
4 playing a vital role in the Republican Women of Kerr County, which
5 named her Republican Woman of the Year in 2002; that same year, she
6 was honored by the Texas Federation of Republican Women at the
7 party's state convention; and

8 WHEREAS, Over the course of many years, Betty Strohacker made
9 immeasurable contributions to the betterment of her community and
10 the Lone Star State, and her memory will forever light the hearts of
11 those who treasured her love and friendship; now, therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
13 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the life of
14 Anna Elisabeth "Betty" Strohacker and extend sincere sympathy to
15 the members of her family: to her children, Louis W. Strohacker, Joy
16 S. Chesnutt, and Oscar C. Strohacker; to her grandchildren, Malcolm
17 L. Chesnutt, Richard C. Strohacker, Sarah F. Strohacker, Rebecca
18 Ann "Becky" Strohacker, and Miriam Elisabeth "Lisa" Strohacker; to
19 her great-grandchildren, Brooke and Emily Chesnutt; to her sisters,
20 Dr. Margaret Patricia Sullivan, Cornelia Garrison, and Sarah Louise
21 Thorp and her husband, Murph; to her sister-in-law, Nancy Sullivan;
22 and to her other relatives and friends; and, be it further

23 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
24 prepared for her family and that when the Texas House of
25 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Anna
26 Elisabeth "Betty" Strohacker.