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H.C.R. No. 181

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The certain knowledge of a life well lived may
2 temper the profound sadness that the passing of Juanita Stamper of
3 Paris on March 6, 2004, at the age of 87, brought to all who knew and
4 loved her; and

5 WHEREAS, From 1967 until 1982, Mrs. Stamper served as
6 executive director of the Red River Valley Girl Scout Council, an
7 organization with which she first began working in 1947 as an
8 assistant troop leader; and

9 WHEREAS, One year later she was hired as an office assistant
10 in the headquarters of the Paris Girl Scouts, while continuing to
11 serve as a troop leader at J. G. Wooten School and as secretary of
12 the Leaders Club; she was appointed council assistant in 1962 and in
13 1967 was named executive director of the organization; and

14 WHEREAS, Mrs. Stamper gave much to the Girl Scouts during her
15 notable career, but two of her most significant contributions were
16 the establishment of Camp Gambill and the development on the
17 campgrounds of the Wildflower Preserve, which was designed to
18 stimulate a love of gardening and aid in the protection of native
19 birds and plants; and

20 WHEREAS, A respected and active resident in her community,
21 she lent her time and talents to RSVP, the Paris Kiwanianne Club,
22 Girl Scout Alumni, the Paris Business and Professional Women's
23 Club, and the Paris Council of Garden Clubs, to name but a few of the
24 organizations she benefited; in addition, she helped to lead a

1 successful campaign to have the monarch butterfly named as the
2 official state insect of Texas; and

3 WHEREAS, For her remarkable efforts, Mrs. Stamper received
4 many accolades, including the Thanks Badge, the highest honor in
5 scouting; she was also recognized by Keep Texas Beautiful as an
6 O. P. Schnabel Status Citizen and named Woman of the Year by the
7 Paris Business and Professional Women's Club; and

8 WHEREAS, Juanita Stamper made lasting contributions to her
9 community and this state; although she is deeply missed, her memory
10 lives on in the hearts of those whose lives she so richly blessed;
11 now, therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the 79th Legislature of the State of Texas
13 hereby honor the life of Juanita Stamper and extend sincere
14 sympathy to the members of her family: to her daughter, Sandra L.
15 Stamper; to her son, Ron Stamper and his wife, Judy; to her two
16 step-grandchildren; to her four step-great-grandchildren; and to
17 her many other relatives and friends; and, be it further

18 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
19 prepared for her family and that when the Texas House of
20 Representatives and Senate adjourn this day, they do so in memory of
21 Juanita Stamper.