

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Memories of a life filled with joyful times and
2 meaningful accomplishments may help to comfort the family and
3 friends of Wynona Harper Harrison, who passed away on December 7,
4 2004, at the age of 87; and

5 WHEREAS, A native Texan, Mrs. Harrison was born in Wills
6 Point on August 28, 1917, into a family of carpenters and builders,
7 and she built a rewarding life rich in supportive relationships and
8 notable successes; a high school honors graduate, she attended
9 business school in Dallas, trained as a cosmetologist, and at the
10 age of 18, established a thriving beauty shop in her hometown; in
11 1939, she left for Dallas to join the Neiman Marcus business family,
12 and in 1997, she celebrated her 80th birthday with friends at Neiman
13 Marcus and received an inscribed copy of his book, *Minding the*
14 *Store*, from Stanley Marcus; and

15 WHEREAS, The former Wynona McKnight became the wife of
16 Woodrow Wilson "Woody" Harper on February 13, 1944, and together,
17 the couple created Harper Aircraft Supply and Texas Aviation
18 Materials at Love Field in Dallas; active in community life, she
19 belonged to Park Cities Baptist Church, the Reviewers' Book Club,
20 the Dinner Dance Club, the Willowcrest Garden Club, and Brookhaven
21 Country Club; and

22 WHEREAS, Following her husband's passing, this enterprising
23 businesswoman established First Lady Service, which planned
24 corporate events for the Dallas business community; and

1 WHEREAS, Fortunate to find love for a second time, she
2 married John Winn Harrison II on her birthday in 1966, and the
3 couple moved to the North Texas city of Paris, where they raised
4 their five teenagers in a supportive, Christian home; Mrs. Harrison
5 bought and operated Pine Mill Nursery and took an active civic role
6 through her affiliations with the Paris Golf and Country Club,
7 King's Daughters, the Fun and Flowers Garden Club, and the
8 Newcomers Club; she and her husband initiated a bus ministry in
9 behalf of the First Baptist Church; and

10 WHEREAS, Throughout the years, Wynona Harrison brightened
11 the lives of countless people, who will long remember her with love
12 and affection; now, therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, That the 79th Legislature of the State of Texas
14 hereby pay tribute to the life of Wynona Harper Harrison and extend
15 sincere sympathy to the members of her family, including Chip,
16 Suzy, Holland, Kelly, Preston, Jordan, Lindsey, and Alix Harper;
17 Ella Ryan, Anne, and Will Biard; Sally, Mac, and Sari Susan McCoy;
18 Barbara, Don, Greg, Jenny, Shelby, Garrett, Christian, Grant,
19 Laura, and Julia Wilson; David, Kathy, and Chase Harrison and John
20 Winn Harrison III; and to all who mourn the passing of this
21 cherished woman; and, be it further

22 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
23 prepared for her family and that when the Texas House of
24 Representatives and Senate adjourn this day, they do so in memory of
25 Wynona Harper Harrison.

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President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 182 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on May 20, 2005.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 182 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the Senate on May 20, 2005.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor