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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.