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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A full and rewarding life came to a close with the
2 passing of Wilma Louise Kendrick Lucas of Abilene on October 14,
3 2004, at the age of 90; and

4 WHEREAS, Born on July 18, 1914, in Albany, this native Texan
5 spent her childhood on her father's cattle ranch and learned the
6 value and pleasure of a job well done at an early age; proud of the
7 ranching tradition into which she was born, she enjoyed helping her
8 father show the first Polled Hereford steer to be named grand
9 champion of the International Livestock Show in Chicago; and

10 WHEREAS, Following her graduation from Albany High School in
11 1931, Ms. Lucas enrolled in Abilene Christian College, where she
12 was involved with the GATA social club, the A Cappella Chorus, and
13 the Melpomenian Players; this lovely lady was elected school beauty
14 as well and represented Abilene at the 1934 Texas Cowboy Reunion at
15 Stamford and as a princess at the 1933 Texas State Fair; and

16 WHEREAS, Active in her community, Ms. Lucas shared her time
17 and talents as a member of the Abilene Little Theater, the Abilene
18 Garden Club, the League of Women Voters, the Junior League, the
19 Women's Division of the West Texas Fair, and Highland Church of
20 Christ; she proved her commitment to helping others by co-chairing
21 the Community Chest Fund Drive, serving as chair of the Easter Seal
22 Drive, and raising funds for the American Red Cross; moreover, Ms.
23 Lucas demonstrated her love for her country by working with the
24 World War II Disaster Planning Committee and creating the "Blue

1 Bonnet Brigade," a group of Abilene women who organized activities
2 for soldiers stationed at Camp Barkley; and

3 WHEREAS, In addition, Ms. Lucas worked toward the passage of
4 legislation in 1951 that outlawed the firing of BB guns within the
5 city limits, and her successful efforts have undoubtedly protected
6 countless Texans over the past five decades; and

7 WHEREAS, Despite her many civic involvements, Ms. Lucas also
8 pursued a successful 17-year career as a home economics instructor
9 at Cooper High School and, after retirement, she helped manage her
10 family's oil business; and

11 WHEREAS, Wilma Louise Kendrick Lucas led such a rich and
12 active life that more than 200 relatives, friends, and admirers
13 joined her in celebrating her 90th birthday, and her legacy will
14 surely live on in the many lives she touched and the many good works
15 she performed; now, therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
17 Legislature hereby honor the memory of Wilma Louise Kendrick Lucas
18 and extend sincere sympathy to the members of her family: to her
19 daughter, Linda Gregory, and her husband, Sid; to her son, Larry
20 Lucas; to her brother, Phil Kendrick, Jr., and his wife, Kay; to her
21 grandchildren, Estee and Greg Rinehart, Elissa and Scott Boeshart,
22 and Aaron, Jessica, Brice, Nathan, and Tanner Lucas; to her four
23 great-grandchildren; and to the other relatives and many friends of
24 this much-loved woman; and, be it further

25 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
26 prepared for the members of her family and that when the Texas House
27 of Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Wilma

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