

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The passing of Bernice Hlanak Simmons of Baytown on
2 August 21, 2004, has brought a profound loss to the family and
3 friends of this beloved woman; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in Fayetteville, Texas, Mrs. Simmons graduated
5 from Robert E. Lee High School and worked for the U.S. Post Office
6 in West Baytown before marrying Perry Simmons, with whom she raised
7 two cherished daughters, Marsha "Betsy" Furlow and Sarah "Sally"
8 Firestone; and

9 WHEREAS, Mrs. Simmons took great pride in her role as
10 matriarch of a close-knit family and created a warm and loving home
11 for her husband and children; noted for her housekeeping and
12 gardening skills, she was also an exceptional cook whose culinary
13 prowess was known throughout the community; in addition to being
14 affectionately referred to as the "First Lady" of the Blue Arrow
15 Café where her delicious pies were featured, she enjoyed the
16 distinction of having several of her prized recipes published in
17 *The Cook on the Block* cookbook; and

18 WHEREAS, After her daughters left home to attend college,
19 Mrs. Simmons reentered the career world, this time as a sales
20 representative for Robson Jewelers and later Jacobs Jewelry; and

21 WHEREAS, Although Bernice Simmons will be greatly missed, her
22 legacy will live on in the hearts of all those whose lives she so
23 richly blessed with her love and friendship; now, therefore, be it

24 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas

1 Legislature hereby pay special tribute to the life of Bernice
2 Hlanak Simmons and extend deepest sympathy to the members of her
3 family: to her husband of 54 years, Perry Simmons; to her daughters
4 and son-in-law, Marsha "Betsy" and Robert Furlow and Sarah "Sally"
5 Firestone; to her grandchildren, Christi Smykal, Tucker and Ty
6 Furlow, and Russell Perry Firestone; to her nephews, Reggie and Lin
7 Hlanak and Mark Hlanak and his wife, Sherry; and to all who mourn
8 the passing of this much-loved woman; and, be it further

9 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
10 prepared for the members of her family and that when the Texas House
11 of Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Bernice
12 Hlanak Simmons.

Smith of Harris

Craddick	Geren	Menendez
Allen of Harris	Giddings	Merritt
Allen of Dallas	Gonzales	Miller
Alonzo	Gonzalez Toureilles	Moreno of Harris
Anchia	Goodman	Moreno of El Paso
Anderson	Goolsby	Morrison
Bailey	Griggs	Mowery
Baxter	Grusendorf	Naishtat
Berman	Guillen	Nixon
Blake	Haggerty	Noriega
Bohac	Hamilton	Oliveira
Bonnen	Hamric	Olivo
Branch	Hardcastle	Orr
Brown of Kaufman	Harper-Brown	Otto
Brown of Brazos	Hartnett	Paxton
Burnam	Hegar	Pena
Callegari	Herrero	Phillips
Campbell	Hilderbran	Pickett
Casteel	Hill	Pitts
Castro	Hochberg	Puente
Chavez	Hodge	Quintanilla
Chisum	Homer	Raymond
Coleman	Hope	Reyna
Cook of Navarro	Hopson	Riddle
Cook of Colorado	Howard	Ritter
Corte	Hughes	Rodriguez
Crabb	Hunter	Rose
Crownover	Hupp	Seaman
Davis of Harris	Isett	Smith of Tarrant
Davis of Dallas	Jackson	Smith of Harris
Dawson	Jones of Lubbock	Smithee
Delisi	Jones of Dallas	Solis
Denny	Keel	Solomons
Deshotel	Keffer of Dallas	Strama
Driver	Keffer of Eastland	Swinford
Dukes	King of Parker	Talton
Dunnam	King of Zavala	Taylor
Dutton	Kolkhorst	Thompson
Edwards	Krusee	Truitt
Eiland	Kuempel	Turner
Eissler	Laney	Uresti
Elkins	Laubenberg	Van Arsdale
Escobar	Leibowitz	Veasey
Farabee	Luna	Villarreal
Farrar	Madden	Vo
Flores	Martinez	West
Flynn	Martinez Fischer	Wong
Frost	McCall	Woolley
Gallego	McClendon	Zedler
Gattis	McReynolds	

H.R. No. 35

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 35 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on February 10, 2005.

Chief Clerk of the House