

By: Wong

H.R. No. 959

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Elnora Mayeux Callegari, matriarch of a large and
2 loving family, passed away on March 7, 2005, at the age of 87, in
3 Cottonport, Louisiana, and her loss has left a void in the lives of
4 all who knew and loved this revered woman; and

5 WHEREAS, Mrs. Callegari was born in Avoyelles Parish on
6 August 28, 1917, the youngest of six children; raised by her father
7 and her five sisters following the untimely death of her mother, she
8 attended Moreauville Grammar School and graduated from Moreauville
9 High School; and

10 WHEREAS, For three years, this vibrant and intelligent lady
11 studied education at Southeastern College in Hammond, Louisiana;
12 she married Jerome Preston Callegari before earning her degree, but
13 she returned to college many years later, following the passing of
14 her husband and after dutifully raising the couple's seven
15 children, and earned a bachelor's degree in education from
16 Louisiana College in Pineville; and

17 WHEREAS, Passionate about education, Mrs. Callegari taught
18 elementary school and French at St. Mary's School, Cottonport
19 Elementary School, and St. Joseph's High School; she was adored by
20 students and teachers alike, serving as friend and confidante to
21 anyone who required advice, encouragement, or a sympathetic ear;
22 and

23 WHEREAS, Mrs. Callegari was immensely proud of the fact that
24 each of her seven children graduated from college; her unwavering

1 support for her offspring was evidenced through her active
2 participation in the many extracurricular activities undertaken by
3 her children; she cheered from the stands during athletic events
4 and enthusiastically applauded after band performances, always
5 encouraging her youngsters in their endeavors; and

6 WHEREAS, Elnora Callegari was a devoted wife and mother who
7 also doted on her grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and
8 although she is no longer with us, her spirit lives on in the
9 memories of her loved ones and through the legacy of her children
10 and their families; now, therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
12 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Elnora Mayeux
13 Callegari and extend deepest sympathy to the members of her family:
14 to her sons, State Representative William A. "Bill" Callegari and
15 his wife, Ann; Steve Callegari, Sr., and his wife, Iris; Mike
16 Callegari and his wife, Peggy; Ralph Callegari and his wife,
17 Debbie; and Richard "Dick" Callegari and his wife, Lisa; to her 22
18 grandchildren and 30 great-grandchildren; and to the many other
19 relatives and friends of this beloved woman; and, be it further

20 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
21 prepared for her family and that when the Texas House of
22 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Elnora
23 Mayeux Callegari.