

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Memories of a life filled with joyful times, loving  
2 moments, and meaningful accomplishments may comfort the family and  
3 friends of Iris Alicia Pryor Mathews Mashburn of De Kalb, who died  
4 on March 28, 2005, at the age of 78; and

5           WHEREAS, Born on April 3, 1926, in Mineola, the young Bitsy  
6 Pryor moved to various towns throughout Texas with her brother,  
7 sister, and parents as her father's work on the pipeline  
8 necessitated; and

9           WHEREAS, A member of the De Kalb High School Class of 1943,  
10 she attended Highland Sanitarium in Shreveport, Louisiana, Johns  
11 Hopkins University Hospital in Baltimore, Maryland, and Charity  
12 Hospital in New Orleans for nurse training; and

13           WHEREAS, She returned to De Kalb following graduation and  
14 married Jim Houston Mathews on March 16, 1947; blessed with a  
15 daughter, Mazie Elizabeth, and a son, Jim Don, this devoted wife and  
16 mother encouraged and supported the hopes and dreams of her family,  
17 taught her children by example how to be loving, understanding, and  
18 empathetic, and shared her strong Christian beliefs; favorite  
19 memories of growing up in her home include her indulgence of her  
20 children's pets, from chickens to horses to dogs, and including a  
21 memorable 17 puppies from two simultaneous litters; and

22           WHEREAS, When her children reached school age, she began  
23 working with Mathews Cleaners, the business started by her  
24 husband's family; her mastery of sewing and alterations contributed  
25 greatly to customer satisfaction for the thriving business, which

1 she further aided by opening women's and men's retail sections; and

2 WHEREAS, Ready for new challenges, this dynamic woman  
3 completed coursework to become a real estate broker and in her 50s  
4 opened Mathews Real Estate; and

5 WHEREAS, After the passing of her husband in 1999, she was  
6 fortunate to find love for a second time, and in 2002, she married  
7 Will Ed Mashburn, a lifelong friend and high school classmate; and

8 WHEREAS, While maintaining a hectic work and family schedule,  
9 Mrs. Mashburn always reserved special time for family and friends,  
10 sharing such made-from-scratch dishes as bread, chocolate pies, and  
11 tall angel food cakes, and she made exceptional needlework quilts  
12 and tablecloths that remain a lasting reminder of her artistic  
13 skill; and

14 WHEREAS, Bitsy Mashburn was truly a blessing in the lives of  
15 countless individuals, and she will long be remembered with great  
16 affection and admiration; now, therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas  
18 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life and contributions of  
19 Iris Alicia "Bitsy" Pryor Mathews Mashburn and extend sincere  
20 sympathy to the members of her family: to her husband, Will Ed  
21 Mashburn; to her children, Mazie M. Jamison and Jim Don Mathews; and  
22 to her other relatives and many friends; and, be it further

23 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
24 prepared for her family and that when the Texas House of  
25 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Iris Alicia  
26 Mashburn.

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H.R. No. 1471

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1471 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on May 13, 2005.

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Chief Clerk of the House