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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

1 greatly to customer satisfaction for the thriving business, which
2 she further aided by opening women's and men's retail sections; and

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

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

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

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

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

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