

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 220

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to pay tribute to Tommie Rita Pilgrim Coward Borroum on the grand occasion of her 80th birthday; and

WHEREAS, Tommie was born in Missouri, the youngest daughter of Gladys and Bill Pilgrim, on February 28, 1925, and a few months later, the family moved to Bardwell, Texas; she graduated valedictorian from Bardwell High School and was a key player on the Black Cats basketball team; and

WHEREAS, On June 16, 1956, she married Howard Bailey Coward, who passed away in 1998; as a girl, Tommie developed a love of nature when working in the cotton fields; after retirement at Lake Tawakoni, she and Howard enjoyed frequent fishing trips, and later in Corsicana, they took regular RV trips; and

WHEREAS, A talented lady, Tommie is renowned for her cooking skills and can easily prepare a simple meal or a holiday feast; the school clothes, cozy quilts, and baby blankets she creates are infused with a mother's love; and

WHEREAS, Tommie's greatest vocation is that of being a mother and homemaker; she is a proud mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother; and

WHEREAS, In 2000, Tommie was again blessed in her marriage to Robert E. Borroum, who shares her love of nature; the couple enjoys gardening, making regular trips to Lake Limestone, and actively participating in the Church of Christ; and

WHEREAS, Tommie's family and friends are gathering February 26, 2005, to share in a joyous commemoration of her 80th birthday; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 79th Legislature, hereby recognize Tommie Rita Pilgrim Coward Borroum as a treasured citizen of this state and extend to her best wishes for a wonderful birthday celebration; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for her as a memento of this special day.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on February 23, 2005.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate