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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The loss of esteemed family matriarch Phyllis Carter
2 Pou Pierce on December 6, 2006, at the age of 89, left a void in the
3 lives of her large and loving family, yet her passing offers a
4 fitting opportunity to remember this fine woman and her legacy of
5 achievement; and

6 WHEREAS, Born in Illinois on July 27, 1917, Mrs. Pierce came
7 to Texas in 1937 and proudly resided in the Lone Star State for
8 nearly 70 years; for the past two decades, this doting
9 great-grandmother spent half of each year in her adopted hometown
10 of Dallas and the other six months in the Shenandoah Valley of
11 Virginia at Bryce Mountain, near the West Virginia border; and

12 WHEREAS, One of nine children, Mrs. Pierce is survived by
13 five siblings, Milburn Carter, Fae Bess, Joanne Shively, Jim
14 Carter, and Mary Lou Harshman; she was preceded in death by her
15 first husband, Major General (Ret.) Robert L. Pou, Jr., with whom
16 she shared many happy years and raised two children; after being
17 widowed, she was lucky to find love a second time, marrying Paul
18 Herbert Pierce, who would also precede her in death; and

19 WHEREAS, Mrs. Pierce was active through her longtime
20 affiliation with Highland Park United Methodist Church; in addition
21 to taking part in weekly services and other fellowship activities,
22 this devout and dedicated Christian found grace and strength of
23 character as a member of the 2x2 Sunday School class and Circle 5,
24 enriching her life through study and discussion with her peers; and

1 WHEREAS, Blessed with a loyal group of friends, Mrs. Pierce
2 found immense pleasure in her regular bridge games, both with her
3 Saturday night group and with her fellow card enthusiasts at
4 Lakewood Baptist Church; she also delighted in her participation in
5 the Mary K. Craig class, the Southern Methodist University Staff
6 Retirees Association, and her book club; and

7 WHEREAS, Phyllis Carter Pou Pierce enjoyed a long and happy
8 life that touched the lives of family, friends, and countless
9 others in inestimable ways, and although she has left this world for
10 the next, her indomitable spirit will endure in the hearts of those
11 who were fortunate to have known this warm and wonderful woman; now,
12 therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
14 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life and memory of Phyllis
15 Carter Pou Pierce and extend sincere sympathy to the members of her
16 family: to her daughter, Diane Pou Wilcox, and her husband, Don; to
17 her son, Robert L. Pou III, and his wife, Cindy; to her
18 grandchildren and great-grandchildren: Robert L. "Robin" Pou IV,
19 and his wife, Karen, and their children, Robert L. Pou V and Cate
20 Pou; Dana Erin Wilcox; Deren Pou Wilcox, and his wife, Laura, and
21 their daughter, Natalie Wilcox; and Lathram Carter Pou, and his
22 wife, Carmen, and their son, Luke Pou; to the family of Herb Pierce,
23 whom she cherished dearly; to her siblings, Milburn Carter, Fae
24 Bess, Joanne Shively, Jim Carter, and Mary Lou Harshman; and to the
25 other relatives and many friends of this beloved and admired woman;
26 and, be it further

27 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be

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1 prepared for her family and that when the Texas House of
2 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Phyllis
3 Carter Pou Pierce.