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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Family, friends, and poetry lovers across the Lone
2 Star State and beyond are mourning the loss of Wendy Dimmette of
3 Dallas, who died on May 8, 2007, at the age of 82; and

4 WHEREAS, Born on a ranch in a bend of the Red River near
5 Dexter, Mrs. Dimmette grew up in Whitesboro; after graduating from
6 high school and studying English at Southern Methodist University,
7 she married and began a family with Jack Lindsey, who died in an
8 automobile accident in 1956; and

9 WHEREAS, In 1960, she married Dr. James Dimmette; returning
10 to SMU, she completed her bachelor's degree in English when her
11 youngest child was 10 years old and went on to earn a master's
12 degree with a creative thesis in poetry at the age of 55; and

13 WHEREAS, Her poetry has appeared in numerous literary
14 magazines and been widely anthologized, earning her accolades from
15 many readers and other poets; several volumes of her short-short
16 stories have also been published and, under her own imprint,
17 Mullulla, she authored seven children's books and five plays for
18 young people, which were based on stories she had told her own kids;
19 and

20 WHEREAS, As generous a teacher as she was a gifted poet, she
21 mentored many Texas writers and taught workshops at Eastfield and
22 Richland Colleges; she was a member of a number of literary
23 associations, including the Writer's Garrett, the Galaxy of Verse
24 Literary Foundation, and the National Federation of State Poetry

1 Societies; she served on the board of directors for the Poetry
2 Society of Texas; and

3 WHEREAS, Hailed by many as a classic Texas poet, Mrs.
4 Dimmette was on a short list of candidates for the position of Texas
5 poet laureate; written with a piercing directness, her poems evoke
6 the simple beauty of the Texas landscape; as she once wrote, "others
7 won't remember/a thousand years from now/how I walked this Texas
8 prairie/gathering words/for their color and perfume . . . But I
9 will know/it was I/who made this prairie bloom/with the scattered
10 seeds/of words that fell/from the edges/of my imagination"; now,
11 therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
13 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life and art of Wendy Dimmette
14 and extend sincere condolences to her family: to her husband, Dr.
15 James Dimmette; to her sons, Ramsey Lindsey and Tom Lindsey; to her
16 daughters, Hillary Lindsey, Susan Lindsey, and Dr. Wendy Dimmette;
17 to her 15 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren; and to her
18 other relatives and many friends and admirers; and, be it further

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