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H.C.R. No. 110

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, A full and purposeful life came to an end with the
2 passing of Mary Jo Floyd Hughes of Belk on February 11, 2009, at the
3 age of 83; and

4 WHEREAS, Born on April 3, 1925, to Earl Kelley and Lillian
5 Floyd of Lamar County, the former Mary Jo Floyd grew up on a family
6 farm with nine brothers and sisters; she graduated from Deport High
7 School in 1942 and went on to work as a bookkeeper and typist for
8 First National Bank in Paris, Texas; she later became secretary to
9 the manager of Lamar Cotton Oil Company and, in 1946, secretary to
10 the district manager of Texas Power and Light Company; and

11 WHEREAS, This beloved Texan married Joel B. Hughes on
12 December 8, 1946, and the couple lived in Belk, where they owned and
13 operated the Hughes Ranch during their 63 rewarding years of
14 marriage; the couple were blessed with two children, Bradley and
15 Joella, and had the pleasure of welcoming a grandson, Rhett, into
16 the family; and

17 WHEREAS, Mrs. Hughes devoted herself to home life for several
18 years, raising her children and tending her ranch with the same
19 dedication and skill that she brought to her professional
20 endeavors; her passion for business administration returned once
21 her children reached school age, and she began a 40-year tenure as
22 office manager for Fry-Gibbs Funeral Home; and

23 WHEREAS, An active member of the community, Mrs. Hughes
24 belonged to the Paris Business and Professional Women's Club for 63

1 years and served as its president, and she was a congregant of
2 Calvary United Methodist Church; in addition, she took an active
3 role in the movement for gender equality in the workplace,
4 mentoring and encouraging young women to take their place as
5 leaders in the business world; the widespread respect she earned
6 for her own career achievements was reflected in her selection as
7 Business Woman of the Year in 1981; and

8 WHEREAS, Mary Jo Hughes approached each of her pursuits with
9 unflagging optimism and enthusiasm, bringing happiness to many
10 along the way; although she is deeply missed, those fortunate
11 enough to have known her will forever treasure their memories of
12 time spent in her company; now, therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, That the 81st Legislature of the State of Texas
14 hereby pay tribute to the life of Mary Jo Floyd Hughes and extend
15 sincere sympathy to the members of her family: to her husband, Joel
16 B. Hughes; to her children, Bradley W. Hughes and Joella Hughes
17 Lucas and her husband, Carl; to her grandson, Rhett Hughes
18 Hutchens; to her brother, Kelley W. Floyd; to her special friends,
19 Michael Singer, Joyce Kenney, and Elsie Parson; and to her other
20 relatives and friends; and, be it further

21 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
22 prepared for her family and that when the Texas House of
23 Representatives and Senate adjourn this day, they do so in memory of
24 Mary Jo Hughes.