

By: Homer

H.C.R. No. 158

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1           WHEREAS, Memories of a life filled with joyful times and  
2 meaningful accomplishments remain to comfort the family and friends  
3 of Joan Sims Vaughan of Clarksville, who died on March 13, 2009, at  
4 the age of 80; and

5           WHEREAS, A native of Clarksville, Mrs. Vaughan was born on  
6 January 30, 1929, to Joel Smith Sims and Swann Sivley Sims; she  
7 earned her bachelor's degree from The University of Texas at  
8 Austin, where she was a member of Alpha Chi Omega Sorority; and

9           WHEREAS, Employed for more than 23 years by the Texas  
10 Department of Human Services, Mrs. Vaughan retired in 1991 and  
11 focused her time and talents on volunteer service within her  
12 community; she was a member of the PRIDE organization, served on the  
13 fund-raising committee for the Red River County Courthouse  
14 Restoration Project, and worked with the Chamber of Commerce; her  
15 dedication to her fellow residents earned her the Historic Red  
16 River County Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year Award in 2004;  
17 and

18           WHEREAS, Mrs. Vaughan was dedicated to her family above all  
19 else; she shared six decades with her husband, James W. "Buddy"  
20 Vaughan, and she lovingly raised her children, Clare Rainey and  
21 James Vaughan, Jr.; she was also a longtime, faithful member of the  
22 First Christian Church and Christian Women's Fellowship; and

23           WHEREAS, Joan Vaughan lived a caring and purposeful life, and  
24 her passing leaves an empty place in the hearts of all those who

1 held her dear; now, therefore, be it

2           RESOLVED, That the 81st Legislature of the State of Texas  
3 hereby pay tribute to the life of Joan Sims Vaughan and extend  
4 sincere sympathy to the members of her family: to her husband, James  
5 Vaughan; to her son, James Vaughan, Jr., and his wife, Pam; to her  
6 daughter, Clare Rainey; to her grandchildren, Chris Vaughan and his  
7 wife, Michele, and Jennifer Vaughan; to her great-granddaughter,  
8 Madison Vaughan; and to her other relatives and friends; and, be it  
9 further

10           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
11 prepared for her family and that when the Texas House of  
12 Representatives and Senate adjourn this day, they do so in memory of  
13 Joan Sims Vaughan.