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H.C.R. No. 239

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The life of a devoted mother, grandmother, and
2 friend drew to a close with the passing of Ruth Evelyn Burd of
3 Paris, Texas, on May 4, 2009, at the age of 87; and

4 WHEREAS, Born on July 24, 1921, in Howland to George and Laura
5 Blankinship McNeal, the former Ruth McNeal grew up in the Paris
6 area; she later moved to the Dallas Metroplex and lived there for
7 many years before returning to Paris in 2004; throughout her life,
8 she took great comfort in her spiritual faith and was a member of
9 the Baptist church; and

10 WHEREAS, Mrs. Burd was the mother of three daughters, Patsy
11 Clark, Donna Jean Perry, and Elizabeth Ann Ables, who preceded her
12 mother in death; with the passing years, Mrs. Burd had the good
13 fortune to welcome 8 grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren, and a
14 great-great-grandchild into her family; and

15 WHEREAS, Ruth Burd made a positive difference in the lives of
16 many people during her long and purposeful life, and her loved ones
17 will forever cherish fond memories of the time they spent in her
18 company; now, therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, That the 81st Legislature of the State of Texas
20 hereby pay tribute to the life of Ruth Evelyn Burd and extend
21 sincere sympathy to the members of her family: to her children,
22 Patsy Clark and her husband, Ray, and Donna Jean Perry and her
23 husband, James; to her grandchildren, Elizabeth Williams, Ray Scott
24 Clark, Jr., Larry Clark, Linda Glenn, Patti Torres, Michelle

1 Zumwalt and her husband, John, Beth Moore, and Scott and Meg Perry;
2 to her great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchild; and to her
3 other relatives and friends; and, be it further

4 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
5 prepared for her family and that when the Texas House of
6 Representatives and Senate adjourn this day, they do so in memory of
7 Ruth Burd.