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H.C.R. No. 278

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Friends and family are mourning the loss of Mary
2 Ellen Border Tubbs McDowell, who passed away on May 20, 2009, at the
3 age of 78; and

4 WHEREAS, Born on May 30, 1931, to Ray and Neva Riddle Border
5 in Des Moines, Iowa, the former Mary Ellen Border moved with her
6 parents to California at an early age and graduated from John C.
7 Fremont High School in Los Angeles; she worked at the May Company
8 Department Store and as a switchboard operator in L.A. before she
9 married Charley McDowell in the late 1960s; the couple shared 42
10 rewarding years together and moved to Texas in 1970; and

11 WHEREAS, This devoted wife, mother, and grandmother raised
12 nine children, Glenn, Danny, Keith, Jerry, Scot, William, Susanne,
13 Jeanine, and Libbie, and she had the joy of welcoming numerous
14 grandchildren and great-grandchildren into the family; she helped
15 support her loved ones by working as a school bus driver for various
16 school districts, including Paris ISD, and she was also employed as
17 a church secretary; through the years, she took great comfort in her
18 Christian beliefs and was known for the generosity she showed to all
19 she met; and

20 WHEREAS, Mary Ellen McDowell brightened the world for all she
21 encountered, and she will be forever remembered with great fondness
22 by those fortunate enough to have shared in the richness of her
23 life; now, therefore, be it

24 RESOLVED, That the 81st Legislature of the State of Texas

1 hereby pay tribute to the life of Mary Ellen Border Tubbs McDowell
2 and extend sincere sympathy to the members of her family: to her
3 husband, Charley McDowell; to her 9 children and their spouses; to
4 her 17 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren; and to her other
5 relatives and friends; and, be it further

6 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
7 prepared for her family and that when the Texas House of
8 Representatives and Senate adjourn this day, they do so in memory of
9 Mary Ellen McDowell.