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H.R. No. 36

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A full and generous life drew to a close with the
2 death of Ruth Slayton Hyde of Kerrville on May 7, 2008, at the age of
3 81; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in Wills Point to J. B. Slayton and Ella
5 Donaldson Slayton on December 4, 1926, the former Ruth Slayton
6 worked for many years as a licensed practical nurse in Texas, Idaho,
7 and Washington; and

8 WHEREAS, She shared 25 years with her first husband, Thurlow
9 Baker, before his passing in 1968; fortunate to find love a second
10 time, she married Ben J. Hyde in 1971, and the couple owned a
11 variety of businesses and enjoyed nearly 30 years together before
12 his death in 2000; and

13 WHEREAS, Mrs. Hyde was affectionately known as "Mama Ruth" by
14 numerous nieces, nephews, stepchildren, and step-grandchildren,
15 whom she nurtured as her own; she took great pleasure in showering
16 them with meals, treats, and gifts, and her cards and letters
17 regularly brightened their days; and

18 WHEREAS, Toward the end of her life, Mrs. Hyde became a
19 resident of the Hilltop Village retirement center, where she
20 delighted others with her lively conversation and could often be
21 found playing bingo with her best friend, Flossie Knowles; through
22 the years, she was a valued member of the Faith Baptist Church of
23 Kerrville; and

24 WHEREAS, Ruth Hyde touched the lives of countless people with

1 her generosity, kindness, and enthusiasm, and she left behind a
2 legacy that will be forever treasured by all those who held her
3 dear; now, therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
5 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Ruth Slayton Hyde and
6 extend sincere sympathy to a host of loved ones: Bennie and Mallie
7 Hyde, Eva Hyde, Jason, Dana, and Danielle Hyde, John and Gina Hyde,
8 Fred and Cedic Martin, Andrew and Anna Martin, Jack French, Missy
9 French, Janis White, Ashley and Chris Witt, Shelly Martin, Jennifer
10 and Shane Taylor, Kristi Martin, Crystal Martin, Andrew Martin,
11 Jr., James Martin, Jack French III, Robin White, Shane White, Bela
12 Juanel Witt, Lily Grace Taylor, and Autumn and April White, as well
13 as to her many friends; and, be it further

14 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
15 prepared for her family and that when the Texas House of
16 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Ruth
17 Slayton Hyde.