

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Family and friends are mourning the loss of Mary
2 Rosalie Freeman Birdsong of Plainview, who passed away on February
3 2, 2009, at the age of 85; and

4 WHEREAS, The daughter of John W. and Chloe Strout Flipping,
5 the former Rosalie Flipping was born on April 19, 1923, in Quanah;
6 she grew up in Hart and later graduated from Springlake-Earth High
7 School; in 1943, she was joined in marriage to E. C. Eldridge
8 Freeman; the couple shared nearly four decades together and were
9 blessed with a son, Mike; and

10 WHEREAS, After her husband's death in 1981, Mrs. Freeman
11 relocated to Plainview; fortunate enough to find love a second
12 time, she married Tony Birdsong in 1991 and enjoyed more than a
13 decade with him until his passing in 2006; and

14 WHEREAS, Mrs. Freeman Birdsong held a career with H&R Block
15 before her retirement; active in her community, she was a member of
16 the Garland Street Church of Christ and the Home Demonstration
17 Club; and

18 WHEREAS, This esteemed Texan led a caring and purposeful
19 life, and she will forever hold a treasured place in the hearts of
20 all those who shared in her love and friendship; now, therefore, be
21 it

22 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
23 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Mary Rosalie
24 Freeman Birdsong and extend sincere sympathy to the members of her

1 family: to her son, Judge Mike Freeman, and his wife, Karon; to her
2 three grandchildren and four great-grandchildren; and to her other
3 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 adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Mary
7 Rosalie Freeman Birdsong.

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H.R. No. 735

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 735 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on March 19, 2009.

Chief Clerk of the House