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H.R. No. 1170

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A full and generous life drew to a close with the
2 passing of Mavis L. Cook of Amarillo on July 11, 2008, at the age of
3 91; and

4 WHEREAS, The daughter of Charles and Mattie Terrell, the
5 former Mavis L. Terrell was born on October 19, 1916, in Caddo
6 Mills; in 1925, her family relocated to the small Panhandle town of
7 Sudan and established a 165-acre farm in Lamb County, contributing
8 to the development of Sudan as an agricultural community in the
9 1920s and 1930s; she was raised on the farm alongside her siblings,
10 Elmer, Pearl, Joe, Doyle, and Coleman, and she went on to attend
11 West Texas State Teachers College; after graduation, she moved to
12 Littlefield, where she taught sixth grade, worked with the local
13 4-H Club, and also served as county agent; and

14 WHEREAS, This esteemed Texan was joined in matrimony to
15 Charles Marvin Cook on September 24, 1942; blessed with two sons,
16 Charles and Michael, the young family later relocated to Amarillo;
17 Mrs. Cook and her husband nurtured a fulfilling relationship that
18 spanned three decades, until Mr. Cook's death in 1972; and

19 WHEREAS, She was a dedicated math teacher at Forest Hill
20 Elementary School in Amarillo for 26 years beginning in 1960; she
21 also owned and managed her family's farm for many years, and she was
22 an active member of Covenant Fellowship; Mrs. Cook took great
23 pleasure in traveling with her family, and she also enjoyed sports,
24 reading, and gardening; and

1 WHEREAS, Throughout her life, Mavis Cook was an inspiring
2 model of strength and determination, and she leaves behind a legacy
3 that will forever be treasured by all those who held her dear; now,
4 therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
6 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Mavis L. Cook and
7 extend sincere sympathy to the members of her family: to her sons,
8 Charles Cook and his wife, Betty, and Michael Cook and his wife,
9 Shelly; to her grandchildren, Lori Flom, C. R. Cook, Cynthia
10 Flowers, Melissa Cook, Taylor Michelle Seppi, and Captain Jordan
11 Kathleen Cook; to her great-grandchildren, Harley, Haley, Jacob,
12 and Ashley; and to her other relatives and friends; and, be it
13 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 Mavis Cook.