

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Residents of Williamson County mourn the passing of
2 Clara May Stearns Scarbrough of Georgetown, a woman of remarkable
3 influence, intelligence, and talent, who passed away on November
4 28, 2008, at the age of 94; and

5 WHEREAS, Born in Circleville on August 17, 1914, Mrs.
6 Scarbrough settled in Taylor with her family at the age of 15 and
7 graduated from Taylor High School in 1932 as an honor student;
8 showing a strong creative flair, she privately studied piano and
9 art during her high school years and served as an accompanist for
10 several church choirs and a civic opera group; and

11 WHEREAS, Mrs. Scarbrough went on to attend The University of
12 Texas, where she was active in music, literary, drama, and social
13 organizations; she was elected to the Phi Beta Kappa Society before
14 graduating summa cum laude with degrees in music and English; and

15 WHEREAS, In 1940, she married Donald Lee Scarbrough, and the
16 couple worked together to publish newspapers in Taylor, Elgin,
17 Granger, Thorndale, and Georgetown; moving to Georgetown in 1948,
18 they purchased the *Williamson County Sun*, which remains in the
19 family today; and

20 WHEREAS, Mrs. Scarbrough's noteworthy career in academia and
21 her public service contributions grew dramatically following her
22 move to Georgetown; she taught journalism at Southwestern
23 University, supervised the music programs at Georgetown schools,
24 and served on the founding boards that established the Georgetown

1 Public Library, the Mood-Heritage Museum, and the Georgetown
2 Heritage Society; from 1967 to 1969, she taught in the Music
3 Department at The University of Texas; and

4 WHEREAS, One of the most notable accomplishments of this
5 distinguished and learned woman was a book she authored in 1973,
6 entitled *Land of Good Water: A Williamson County History*; this
7 significant publication laid the foundation for a preservation
8 movement that was embraced across the county and is regarded as the
9 leading reference on Williamson County history; and

10 WHEREAS, Clara Scarbrough excelled at every undertaking:
11 musician, editor, publisher, historian, author, and teacher; she
12 made a positive difference in the lives of countless Central
13 Texans, and her legacy of important works will long be remembered;
14 now, therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
16 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Clara May Stearns
17 Scarbrough and that deepest sympathy be extended to the members of
18 her family: to her daughters, Linda Scarbrough and her husband,
19 Clark Thurmond, and Donna Josey; to her granddaughters, Grace Josey
20 and her husband, Jared Pyka, and Kate Thurmond; and to her other
21 relatives and friends; and, be it further

22 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
23 prepared for her family and that when the Texas House of
24 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Clara May
25 Stearns Scarbrough.

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Straus	Gattis	Menendez
Allen	Geren	Merritt
Alonzo	Giddings	Miklos
Alvarado	Gonzales	Miller of Comal
Anchia	Gonzalez Toureilles	Miller of Erath
Anderson	Guillen	Moody
Aycock	Gutierrez	Morrison
Berman	Hamilton	Naishtat
Bohac	Hancock	Oliveira
Bolton	Hardcastle	Olivo
Bonnen	Harless	Orr
Branch	Harper-Brown	Ortiz, Jr.
Brown of Kaufman	Hartnett	Otto
Brown of Brazos	Heflin	Parker
Burnam	Hernandez	Patrick
Button	Herrero	Paxton
Callegari	Hilderbran	Peña
Castro	Hochberg	Phillips
Chavez	Hodge	Pickett
Chisum	Homer	Pierson
Christian	Hopson	Pitts
Cohen	Howard of Fort Bend	Quintanilla
Coleman	Howard of Travis	Raymond
Cook	Hughes	Riddle
Corte	Hunter	Rios Ybarra
Crabb	Isett	Ritter
Craddick	Jackson	Rodriguez
Creighton	Jones	Rose
Crownover	Keffer	Sheffield
Darby	Kent	Shelton
Davis of Harris	King of Parker	Smith of Tarrant
Davis of Dallas	King of Taylor	Smith of Harris
Deshotel	King of Zavala	Smithee
Driver	Kleinschmidt	Solomons
Dukes	Kolkhorst	Strama
Dunnam	Kuempel	Swinford
Dutton	Laubenberg	Taylor
Edwards	Legler	Thibaut
Eiland	Leibowitz	Thompson
Eissler	Lewis	Truitt
Elkins	Lucio III	Turner of Tarrant
England	Madden	Turner of Harris
Farabee	Maldonado	Vaught
Farias	Mallory Caraway	Veasey
Farrar	Marquez	Villarreal
Fletcher	Martinez	Vo
Flores	Martinez Fischer	Walle
Flynn	McCall	Weber
Frost	McClendon	Woolley
Gallego	McReynolds	Zerwas

H.R. No. 1200

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1200 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on April 22, 2009.

Chief Clerk of the House