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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Residents of Alpine lost an admired neighbor and
2 friend with the death of Martha Floro on April 8, 2009, at the age of
3 88; and

4 WHEREAS, Born on June 27, 1920, to John and Ruby Davis Ford in
5 Missouri, the former Martha Josephine Ford grew up on the family
6 farm and graduated from high school in Odessa, Missouri; she met her
7 husband, George Floro, while earning a junior college degree at
8 Graceland College in Iowa, and the couple went on to enjoy 65
9 rewarding years of marriage and raise two children, Charles and
10 Beverly; with the passing years, the family grew to include seven
11 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren; and

12 WHEREAS, The Floros resided in several different locations
13 across the country as Mr. Floro pursued his education; while living
14 in Louisiana, Mrs. Floro earned her bachelor's degree in journalism
15 at Louisiana State University, and when the family moved to Guam in
16 1962, she edited a civil service newspaper for U.S. Navy personnel;
17 following the family's return stateside, Mrs. Floro served as a
18 social service worker in Eau Claire, Wisconsin, a job she held until
19 her retirement in 1982; and

20 WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Floro chose to relocate to Alpine after
21 retiring, and Mrs. Floro took an active role in the community,
22 working with the West Texas Democratic Women and the Sierra Club and
23 joining in fellowship with other members of the Religious Society
24 of Friends; an avid and gifted writer, she taught creative writing

1 at the Sunshine House, and her work has appeared in a number of
2 local and regional publications; she also took part in quilting and
3 singing groups at the Sunshine House, sold goat cheese at the local
4 farmers' market, helped found Big Bend Recyclers and Big Bend
5 People & Goats, and enjoyed birdwatching and photography; and

6 WHEREAS, Martha Floro led a long and generous life filled
7 with meaningful contributions to her family and to the many
8 communities where she lived, and she will be fondly remembered and
9 greatly missed by all those who held her dear; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
11 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Martha Floro and
12 extend sincere sympathy to the members of her family: to her
13 husband, George Floro; to her children, Chuck Floro and his wife,
14 Debbie, and Beverly Seidlicki; to her grandchildren, Ezekiel Floro
15 and his wife, Alesia, Angela Pommer and her husband, Kelly, Sarah,
16 Katie, and Christy Floro, and Carissa and Danica Topham; to her
17 great-grandchildren, William, Daniel, and Nadine Floro and David
18 Pommer; and to her other relatives and friends; and, be it further

19 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
20 prepared for her family and that when the Texas House of
21 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Martha
22 Floro.