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H.R. No. 2541

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Family and friends are mourning the loss of Hester
2 Beck Willis of Waco, who passed away on May 6, 2009, at the age of
3 85; and

4 WHEREAS, Born on February 1, 1924, in Waco, Hester Beck was
5 the only child of Roy and Bessie Beck; she graduated from her
6 hometown high school with the Class of 1941, earned bachelor's and
7 master's degrees from Baylor University, and went on to teach in the
8 La Vega, Dallas, and Waco school systems; and

9 WHEREAS, She exchanged the vows of matrimony with John Todd
10 Willis, Jr., on February 2, 1952, at a ceremony held at the Austin
11 Avenue United Methodist Church in Waco; Mrs. Willis and her husband
12 became the proud parents of two children and shared a rewarding
13 marriage until his passing; and

14 WHEREAS, A life member of United Methodist Women, Mrs. Willis
15 served her fellow congregants at Austin Avenue UMC as a member of
16 the administrative and stewards' boards and as a Sunday school
17 teacher for the Primary I Department and the Friendship Class; this
18 engaged citizen was a member of the Sterling C. Robertson Chapter of
19 the Daughters of the Republic of Texas, the Henry Downs Chapter of
20 the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution,
21 Chapter BF of the P.E.O. Sisterhood, and the Mary Milam Garden Club,
22 and she held a life membership with the Friends of the Waco-McLennan
23 County Library; and

24 WHEREAS, A kind and caring woman, Hester Willis left an

1 indelible impression on the lives of all who shared in her love and
2 friendship, and they will forever carry her close in their hearts;
3 now, therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
5 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Hester Beck Willis
6 and extend sincere condolences to the members of her family: to her
7 sons, Dr. T. Bradford Willis and David Parker Willis, Sr., and his
8 wife, Carol; to her grandchildren, David Parker Willis, Jr., and
9 Laura Anne Willis; and to her other relatives and friends; and, be
10 it further

11 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
12 prepared for her family and that when the Texas House of
13 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Hester Beck
14 Willis.