

By: Pitts

H.R. No. 2681

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Margaret L. Felty of Waxahachie, an esteemed
2 educator and beloved community leader, passed away on April 3,
3 2009, at the age of 92; and

4 WHEREAS, Born on August 20, 1916, in Paris, Texas, the former
5 Margaret L. Rowland was the daughter of Lanis and Margaret E.
6 Rowland; she married L. T. Felty on April 17, 1936, and together the
7 couple shared nearly six decades and raised three children before
8 his death in 1996; and

9 WHEREAS, Mrs. Felty graduated from Texas Christian
10 University with a bachelor's degree in elementary education and
11 went on to earn a master's degree in history from The University of
12 Texas at Arlington; she was an enthusiastic and attentive first
13 grade teacher at Northside Elementary School in Waxahachie for many
14 years, and she was recognized with the 2006 Outstanding Elementary
15 Educator's award by the Waxahachie Ex-Students Association;
16 moreover, in September 2008, the Waxahachie Independent School
17 District paid tribute to Mrs. Felty by dedicating the Margaret L.
18 Felty Elementary School in her honor; and

19 WHEREAS, Following her retirement, Mrs. Felty gave
20 generously of her time and energy in behalf of numerous
21 organizations, including the Ellis County Retired School
22 Personnel, the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Ellis
23 County Genealogical Society, and the Ellis County Historical
24 Commission, which she served as chair for 14 years; in addition, she

1 served as president of the Century Club and of the Alpha Alpha
2 chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma and as a ruling elder and Sunday school
3 teacher at Central Presbyterian Church; her support of her
4 community was honored in 2002 with her selection as the First Lady
5 of Waxahachie; and

6 WHEREAS, Affectionately known as "Mama T," Margaret Felty had
7 a way of making everyone feel special, and her optimism and kindness
8 inspired countless people; although she will be deeply missed,
9 memories of her will be forever cherished by all those who shared in
10 her love and friendship; now, therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
12 Legislature hereby honor the life of Margaret L. Felty and extend
13 sincere sympathy to the members of her family: to her children,
14 Larry Felty and his wife, Glinda, Joe Felty and his wife, Jane, and
15 Margaret E. Felty; to her grandchildren, Bryan Felty and his wife,
16 Kimberly, Patrick Felty and his wife, Heather, Julie Vela and her
17 husband, John, David Averett and his wife, Traci, Jackie Kindred
18 and her husband, Avery, Leslie Deen and her husband, Brad, and Joe
19 Averett and his wife, Sarah; to her great-grandchildren, Andrew,
20 Joe, Alexis, J. J., Jeff, Storme, Kaitlen, William, Calder, Tyler,
21 Adam, and Tatum; to her siblings, June Groves, Pam Gandy, and Rex
22 Rowland; and to her other relatives and many friends; and, be it
23 further

24 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
25 prepared for her family and that when the Texas House of
26 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Margaret L.
27 Felty.