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H.R. No. 2889

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The citizens of Wichita Falls lost a cherished
2 member of the community with the passing of Elizabeth Perkins
3 Prothro on May 23, 2009, at the age of 89; and

4 WHEREAS, The daughter of prominent local residents Joe J.
5 Perkins and Lois Craddock Perkins, Mrs. Prothro graduated from
6 Wichita Falls High School and earned a bachelor's degree from
7 Southern Methodist University; she married Charles Nelson Prothro
8 in 1938, and the couple lovingly raised four children, Joe, Mark,
9 Kay, and the late Vin Prothro; and

10 WHEREAS, Mrs. Prothro was a generous, lifelong supporter of
11 the First United Methodist Church of Wichita Falls and a champion of
12 higher education; she endowed scholarships in a variety of
13 disciplines at Midwestern State University, where she also served
14 on the board of regents, and she continued her family's tradition of
15 philanthropy in behalf of Southern Methodist University; her
16 donations to SMU included a gift of \$6 million in 2007 to fund
17 building renovations and an addition to the Perkins School of
18 Theology; in addition, she served on the SMU Board of Governors and
19 on the seminary's executive board; and

20 WHEREAS, Mrs. Prothro's other charitable interests included
21 the Wichita Falls Museum and Art Center, of which she was a founding
22 member, and the River Bend Nature Center, site of the Elizabeth
23 Prothro Pavilion; in her free time, she enjoyed photography, and
24 her talent earned her work a place in private and university

1 collections; and

2 WHEREAS, A gracious and caring woman, Elizabeth Prothro is
3 deeply missed but will long be remembered for her generous support
4 of scholarship, her devotion to her faith, and her gifts to make
5 this world a better place; now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
7 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Elizabeth Perkins
8 Prothro and extend deepest sympathy to the members of her family:
9 to her sons, Mark and Joe Prothro; to her daughter, Kay Yeager; to
10 her 10 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren, and
11 great-great-grandchild; and to her other relatives and many
12 friends; and, be it further

13 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
14 prepared for her family and that when the Texas House of
15 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Elizabeth
16 Perkins Prothro.