

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A full and generous life drew to a close with the
2 passing of Mary Ruth Duke Loika of Austin on June 1, 2011, at the age
3 of 86; and

4 WHEREAS, The daughter of Nan and William Duke, the former
5 Mary Duke was born on February 14, 1925, in the community of Bethel;
6 she graduated from Ballinger High School, where she was on the
7 basketball, tennis, and volleyball teams, and she earned her
8 bachelor's degree from Hardin-Simmons University; she went on to
9 have a rewarding career in elementary education that spanned 34
10 years and included tenures in San Angelo, Ballinger, Rowena, and
11 Zapata; and

12 WHEREAS, Mrs. Loika enjoyed more than four decades of
13 marriage with her beloved husband, Eugene Julius "E. J." Loika,
14 before his passing; they were both talented musicians, and they led
15 an orchestra that toured the German and Czech dance halls of West
16 Texas, with her on stand-up bass and him on clarinet; Mrs. Loika was
17 also a skilled pianist, and she shared her talents with the Bethel
18 and Ballinger Baptist Churches; and

19 WHEREAS, Above all else, Mrs. Loika was devoted to her
20 family; the mother of four children, Jeanie, John, Grace, and
21 Betty, she was further blessed with six grandchildren; each year,
22 her loved ones looked forward with great anticipation to her annual
23 Christmas Eve party, which featured homemade chili, tamales, and
24 eggnog, musical entertainment, and a visit from Santa Claus; and

1 WHEREAS, Those fortunate enough to have known Mary Loika will
2 remember the way she touched their lives with her warmth and
3 generosity, and she will forever hold a treasured place in their
4 hearts; now, therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
6 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the life of
7 Mary Ruth Duke Loika and extend deepest sympathy to the members of
8 her family: to her children, Jeanie Coffey, John Loika and his wife,
9 Liz, Grace Kelley and her husband, David, and Betty Rice and her
10 husband, Rell; to her grandchildren, Beth, Rich, Sophie,
11 Nancigayle, Julia, and Trevor; 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 Mary Ruth
16 Duke Loika.

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Straus	Gonzales of Williamson	Morrison
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Allen	Gooden	Murphy
Alonzo	Guillen	Naishtat
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Anderson of Dallas	Hancock	Orr
Anderson of McLennan	Hardcastle	Otto
Aycock	Harless	Parker
Beck	Harper-Brown	Patrick
Berman	Hartnett	Paxton
Bohac	Hernandez Luna	Pena
Bonnen	Hilderbran	Perry
Branch	Hochberg	Phillips
Brown	Hopson	Pickett
Burkett	Howard of Fort Bend	Pitts
Burnam	Howard of Travis	Price
Button	Huberty	Quintanilla
Cain	Hughes	Raymond
Callegari	Hunter	Reynolds
Carter	Isaac	Riddle
Castro	Jackson	Ritter
Chisum	Johnson	Rodriguez
Christian	Keffer	Schwertner
Coleman	King of Parker	Scott
Cook	King of Taylor	Sheets
Craddick	King of Zavala	Sheffield
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Crownover	Kolkhorst	Simpson
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Deshotel	Lavender	Strama
Driver	Legler	Taylor of Collin
Dukes	Lewis	Taylor of Galveston
Dutton	Lozano	Thompson
Eiland	Lucio III	Torres
Eissler	Lyne	Truitt
Elkins	Madden	Turner
Farias	Mallory Caraway	Veasey
Farrar	Margo	Villarreal
Fletcher	Marquez	Vo
Flynn	Martinez	Walle
Frullo	Martinez Fischer	Weber
Gallego	McClendon	White
Garza	Menendez	Woolley
Geren	Miles	Workman
Giddings	Miller of Comal	Zedler
Gonzales of Hidalgo	Miller of Erath	Zerwas

H.R. No. 41

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 41 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on June 7, 2011.

Chief Clerk of the House