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H.R. No. 240

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Family and friends are mourning the loss of Shirley
2 Jane Bearden Sweet of Irving, who died on May 21, 2011, at the age of
3 72; and

4 WHEREAS, The daughter of Chester Grey Bearden and Frances May
5 Bearden, the former Shirley Bearden was born in Rome, Georgia, on
6 April 20, 1939; she grew up in Mableton, Georgia, and graduated from
7 South Cobb High School in Austell, Georgia; after moving to Fort
8 Worth in 1958, she met Kenneth Edgar Sweet, and they were joined in
9 matrimony on December 1, 1961, at Diamond Hill Methodist Church;
10 they later became the parents of two sons, Mark and David; during
11 Mr. Sweet's career in the United States Army, Mrs. Sweet lived in
12 many places in the United States, as well as in Germany and France;
13 the couple shared a rewarding marriage until the passing of Mr.
14 Sweet on October 3, 2007; and

15 WHEREAS, Mrs. Sweet was generous, thoughtful, and devoted to
16 her family; a wonderful cook, she welcomed visitors with lovely
17 meals and let no one leave hungry; her travels allowed her to
18 indulge her love of collecting, and she assembled a vast treasure
19 trove of vintage tins, owl figures, Crayola and Coca-Cola
20 memorabilia, handkerchiefs, and vintage glassware; and

21 WHEREAS, Shirley Sweet treasured the time she spent in the
22 company of her loved ones, and those she leaves behind will in turn
23 cherish their memories of this kind and caring woman; now,
24 therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
2 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the life of
3 Shirley Jane Bearden Sweet and extend sincere sympathy to the
4 members of her family: to her sons, David Kenneth Sweet and Mark
5 Andrew Sweet; to her sisters, Rebecca Cox and Anne Himes and her
6 husband, Shearn; to her brothers, Joe Eason Bearden and his wife,
7 Susan, and Jerry Allen Bearden and his wife, Brenda; to her nieces,
8 Edie Ann Wallace, Patty Lyn Dumas, Stacey Ann Bearden, Shirley
9 Ayres Bearden, Jessica Jo Bearden, Christie Lee, Angela Sue Pryor,
10 and Sarah Ann Martin; to her nephews, Michael Allen Bearden, Joseph
11 John Bearden, and Casey Ryan Cox; to her 13 great-nieces and
12 great-nephews; to her 5 great-great-nieces and
13 great-great-nephews; and to her other relatives and friends; and,
14 be it further

15 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
16 prepared for her family and that when the Texas House of
17 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Shirley
18 Jane Bearden Sweet.