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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A life made rich through meaningful service drew to
2 a close when Kathleen Jeanne Jones Gilles of Arlington died on
3 January 21, 2011, at the age of 77; and

4 WHEREAS, Born on October 26, 1933, in Dallas and raised in
5 Wellington, the former Jeanne Jones was the daughter of Dr. Charles
6 Jones, Jr., and Kathleen Patricia Hosack Jones; one of five
7 children, she enjoyed the companionship of a sister, Rosemary, and
8 three brothers, Charles, John, and Frank; and

9 WHEREAS, After attending Sacred Heart Academy in
10 Springfield, Illinois, Mrs. Gilles graduated from Saint Joseph
11 Hospital School of Nursing in Memphis, Tennessee; she worked for a
12 time as a registered nurse at Saint Paul's Hospital in Dallas, then
13 relocated to Midland, where she lived for most of her life; it was
14 there that she met her future husband, Gilbert Joseph Gilles, Jr.;
15 the couple married on January 15, 1955, and shared nearly 40
16 rewarding years together, until Mr. Gilles's passing in 1994; and

17 WHEREAS, Over the course of a distinguished 23-year career at
18 Midland Memorial Hospital, Mrs. Gilles served as a nursing
19 supervisor and as a nurse administrator in obstetrics, the
20 emergency department, and the pharmacy; in 1982, she opened We Care
21 Home Health Agency with several colleagues, and she continued
22 working in the home health field until her retirement at age 74; she
23 moved to Arlington in 2002; and

24 WHEREAS, Mrs. Gilles was a devoted wife, mother, and

1 grandmother, and she treasured the time she spent with her family,
2 which grew to include 4 children and 11 grandchildren; a longtime
3 congregant of Saint Ann's Catholic Church, she enjoyed dancing,
4 playing bridge, and rooting for the Texas Longhorns; and

5 WHEREAS, Jeanne Gilles touched many lives during her time on
6 this earth, and she will forever hold a special place in the hearts
7 of those who knew and loved her; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
9 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Kathleen Jeanne
10 Jones Gilles and extend sincere sympathy to the members of her
11 family: to her children, Stephen J. Gilles and his wife, Stephanie,
12 R. Michele Purgason and her husband, Thomas, Kathleen J. Clymer,
13 and Susan G. Gilmore and her husband, Trey; to her grandchildren,
14 Emily, Sarah, Sophia, and Gabriella Gilles, Nicholas, Ashley, and
15 Michael Purgason, Taylor Clymer, and Will, Gibby, and Jackson
16 Gilmore; to her brother, Frank H. Jones, and his wife, Sharon; and
17 to her many other relatives and friends; and, be it further

18 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
19 prepared for her family and that when the Texas House of
20 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Jeanne
21 Gilles.