

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 Leona Fischer of Sunnyvale on February 26, 2011, at the
3 age of 83; and

4 WHEREAS, The daughter of Harvey and Fannie Bullard, the
5 former "DeRue" Bullard was born in Emory on January 1, 1928; she
6 graduated from Emory High School in 1944 and married her high school
7 sweetheart, Waymon Charles Fischer, in 1946; they later became the
8 parents of three sons; and

9 WHEREAS, Mrs. Fischer adored children, and she and her
10 husband owned and operated the Douglas and Michael Daycare Center
11 in Dallas and Fischer's Fun Farm Summer Day Camp for 25 years; warm
12 and caring, she looked for the good in people and brought out the
13 best in them; and

14 WHEREAS, In 1972, Mrs. Fischer and her husband opened
15 Fischer's Antiques in Sunnyvale, and the business became a landmark
16 in the Highway 80 antiques area; she was dedicated to her community,
17 and in 2009, she made the Sunnyvale Pecan Harvest Festival possible
18 by allowing the chamber of commerce to hold the inaugural edition of
19 the now annual event on her property; her magnanimous gesture
20 prompted the chamber to name her the Sunnyvale Pecan Queen, an honor
21 noted in the Congressional Record of the 111th United States
22 Congress; and

23 WHEREAS, DeRue Fischer brought joy to innumerable people
24 through her kindness, compassion, and understanding, and she will

1 forever hold a treasured place in the hearts of those who were lucky
2 enough to share in her love and friendship; now, therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
4 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Leona "DeRue" Fischer
5 and extend sincere condolences to the members of her family: to her
6 sons, Ronnie, Tony, and Sam; to her three granddaughters; to her two
7 great-grandsons; to her brother, Carlton Bullard; and to her other
8 relatives and friends; and, be it further

9 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
10 prepared for her family and that when the Texas House of
11 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Leona
12 "DeRue" Fischer.

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H.R. No. 924

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 924 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on April 7, 2011.

Chief Clerk of the House