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H.R. No. 1286

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The passing of Betty Marie Norsworthy of Waco on
2 March 2, 2011, at the age of 86, has deeply saddened the many people
3 whose lives she touched; and

4 WHEREAS, Mrs. Norsworthy was born on September 9, 1924, in
5 Detroit, Michigan; a good student, she graduated from high school
6 at the age of 16, earning the equivalent of a business school
7 degree; and

8 WHEREAS, Active in her church, she was often chosen to
9 showcase her lovely voice as a soloist in the choir; a fellow
10 congregant, Charles Norsworthy, admired her talent, and on April
11 13, 1946, they were married; the couple shared nearly four decades
12 together before Mr. Norsworthy's passing, and they lovingly raised
13 four children, Ross, Nancy, Donald, and Steven; and

14 WHEREAS, Mrs. Norsworthy stayed home with the kids when they
15 were young, working as a seamstress to supplement the family's
16 income; later, she was employed as a bookkeeper and as an insurance
17 underwriter before her retirement; and

18 WHEREAS, In 1995, Mrs. Norsworthy moved to Waco, where she
19 joined Highland Baptist Church; she benefited the congregation as a
20 member of the choir and as president of the Naomis; in addition, she
21 served as president of the Baylor Senior Adult Choir and enjoyed
22 volunteering as a mentor at Dean Highland Elementary School; and

23 WHEREAS, Sustained by her strong faith, Betty Norsworthy
24 approached life with great joy and enthusiasm, and she will always

1 be remembered with tenderness and affection by those who were
2 privileged to know her; now, therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
4 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Betty Marie
5 Norsworthy and extend sincere sympathy to the members of her
6 family: to her children, Ross Norsworthy and his wife, June, Nancy
7 Nye and her husband, Lanny, Donald Norsworthy and his wife, Bonny,
8 and Steven Norsworthy; to her 11 grandchildren; to her 8
9 great-grandchildren; and to her other relatives and many friends;
10 and, be it further

11 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
12 prepared for her family and that when the Texas House of
13 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Betty Marie
14 Norsworthy.