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H.R. No. 1294

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Madge C. Bratton of Hewitt passed away on March 9,
2 2011, at the age of 82, leaving her circle of family and friends to
3 cherish their many happy memories of time spent in her company; and

4 WHEREAS, Madge Bratton was born in Anaconda, Montana, on July
5 31, 1928, to William and Clara Niven; after graduating from
6 Anaconda High School in 1946, she attended Montana State
7 University, where she earned a bachelor's degree in physical
8 education in 1950; and

9 WHEREAS, The former Madge Niven met her future husband, Don
10 Bratton, while in college; the couple wed after graduation and
11 enjoyed a rewarding marriage that spanned 52 years, until his
12 passing; they became the parents of seven children, Donna, Dianne,
13 Sharon, Mike, Don, Paul, and Karan; and

14 WHEREAS, Before she and her husband started their family,
15 Mrs. Bratton worked as a physical education and science teacher in
16 Sidney, Montana; she then became a full-time homemaker, and she
17 actively supported her children in their many school and sports
18 activities; and

19 WHEREAS, Known for her caring nature and beautiful smile,
20 Mrs. Bratton was quick to offer encouragement to anyone in need of
21 it; active in her community, she generously volunteered her time at
22 area schools and with organizations such as Habitat for Humanity,
23 Meals on Wheels, and the Hewitt Chamber of Commerce; she was a
24 devoted member of Hewitt First United Methodist Church, where she

1 had enjoyed performing with the bell choir; and

2 WHEREAS, Madge Bratton possessed a generosity of spirit that
3 expressed itself in myriad ways, and countless lives were enriched
4 by her warmth and kindness; now, therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
6 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Madge C. Bratton and
7 extend sincere condolences to the members of her family: to her
8 children and their spouses, Donna Salazar, Sharon Itz, Dianne and
9 Les Melcher, Mike and Sue Bratton, Don and Terri Bratton, and Paul
10 and Tammy Bratton; to her sister, Lillian Wind; to her
11 grandchildren, Tracy Thieman, Shanna Rodriquez, Amber Koger,
12 Michael, Karan, and Justin Bratton, Tiffany Itz, and Brian and
13 Melissa Melcher; to her great-grandchildren, Aaron, Matthew, and
14 Nathan Thieman, Gideon and Ari Koger, and Caiden and Sloane
15 Rodriquez; and to her other relatives and friends; and, be it
16 further

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