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H.R. No. 1608

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Family and friends will forever cherish their  
2 memories of Evelyn Rhodes Witte Sterling of Dallas, who passed away  
3 on April 12, 2011, at the age of 93; and

4           WHEREAS, A native of Louisiana, Evelyn Rhodes was born on  
5 July 19, 1917, to Gladys and Walter Rhodes; she graduated from  
6 Neville High School in Monroe and went on to earn her bachelor's  
7 degree from Louisiana State University; and

8           WHEREAS, While working as a medical technologist in  
9 Shreveport, she met and married Dr. Wallie Stovall Witte; together,  
10 they settled in Leland, Mississippi, where they helped to establish  
11 the local hospital; she worked in her husband's medical practice  
12 and later dedicated her time to raising their four children, Jane,  
13 Lynn, Stovall, and Mignonne; after her husband's passing in 1968,  
14 she was fortunate to find love a second time with George Archibald  
15 Sterling; the couple were married in 1971, and Mrs. Sterling's  
16 family grew to include three more daughters, Carol, Cappie, and  
17 Catherine; and

18           WHEREAS, This dedicated volunteer gave back to her community  
19 as a member of First Baptist Church, Deer Creek Garden Club, and  
20 Leland Junior Auxiliary; in her free time, she enjoyed sculpting  
21 and painting, and she studied her craft with Leon Koury and a number  
22 of other local artists; she also loved to travel, and she visited  
23 all seven continents and more than 100 countries through the years,  
24 but her favorite trips were the annual summer beach vacations she

1 took with her children and grandchildren; and

2 WHEREAS, Evelyn Sterling lived a full and generous life, and  
3 she will always be remembered with great admiration and affection;  
4 now, therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas  
6 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Evelyn Rhodes Witte  
7 Sterling and extend deepest sympathy to the members of her family:  
8 to her children and their spouses, Edwin and Jane Witte Loudon, Kent  
9 and Lynn Witte Hamilton, Stovall and Jan Witte, Mignonne Kinney  
10 Witte, Carol Sterling Finerty, Robert and Cappie Sterling Addison,  
11 and Dean and Catherine Sterling Kidd; to her 15 grandchildren, Mike  
12 Sterling Finerty and his wife, Jen, Rob Addison and his wife, Erin,  
13 Wynn Loudon, Evelyn Loudon Ellis and her husband, Lance, Rhodes  
14 Hamilton and his wife, Amanda, David Hamilton, Paul Hamilton, Jack  
15 Hamilton, Caroline Loudon Parfect and her husband, David, Scott  
16 Sterling Addison and his wife, Katherine, Meredith Witte Knight and  
17 her husband, Shane, Carol Kidd Southerland and her husband, Scott,  
18 Evelyn Witte, Sterling Kidd, and Stovall Witte III; to her eight  
19 great-grandchildren; and to her other relatives and friends; and,  
20 be it further

21 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
22 prepared for her family and that when the Texas House of  
23 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Evelyn  
24 Sterling.