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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A full and generous life came to an end with the
2 death of Louvelle Chafin of Houston on October 20, 2009, at the age
3 of 83; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in El Campo on February 9, 1926, to James
5 Lockhart and Dora Frazier Perry, the former Louvelle Lockhart
6 attended a one-room school in Markham through the 12th grade;
7 during World War II, she helped the quartermaster at Camp Hulen
8 distribute uniforms and boots to the soldiers, and she was a popular
9 dancer at the USO in Palacios, where she became known as "the
10 Jitterbug Queen"; and

11 WHEREAS, In 1951, she was joined in matrimony to Norman
12 Chafin, and they shared a fulfilling relationship until his death
13 in 1976; together they were blessed with three children, Glinda,
14 Jim, and Gus; and

15 WHEREAS, Mrs. Chafin began working at Santa Fe Art Supply in
16 1956, and she stayed on with the company after it was acquired by
17 CMI Moulding in Houston; a loyal and invaluable employee, she
18 continued to work as the business's bookkeeper until six weeks
19 before her death; and

20 WHEREAS, In 1964, Mrs. Chafin was active in the campaign of
21 presidential candidate Barry Goldwater, initiating a lifelong
22 participation in Republican politics; she attended several
23 national conventions, and she served as the Republican chair of
24 Precinct 117 in Houston for 25 years; and

1 WHEREAS, A devoted mother and grandmother, Louvelle Chafin
2 leaves behind a legacy of hard work and civic engagement that
3 continues to inspire all those who knew and loved her; now,
4 therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
6 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Louvelle Chafin and
7 extend sincere condolences to the members of her family: to her
8 children, Glinda Shipley and her husband, Ben, Jim Chafin, and Gus
9 Chafin and his wife, Sookie; to her sister, Lorraine Smith; to her
10 grandchildren, Kyllion and his wife, Tammy, Amy, and Alexander; to
11 her great-grandson, Dylan; and to her other relatives and friends;
12 and, be it further

13 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
14 prepared for her family and that when the Texas House of
15 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Louvelle
16 Chafin.