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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Barbara Esgen Stieren of San Antonio passed away on
2 April 25, 2011, at the age of 78, leaving her circle of family and
3 friends to cherish their many happy memories of time spent in her
4 company; and

5 WHEREAS, Born on May 14, 1932, in Abilene, the former Barbara
6 Esgen was the daughter of Dorothy Jeanette Rogers and Wienand Kelly
7 Esgen and later the stepdaughter of Frances McGee Esgen; she
8 attended high school in London and Cairo and graduated in 1954 from
9 The University of Texas at Austin, where she pledged Pi Beta Phi
10 sorority and was selected as a Sweetheart of the Sigma Chi
11 fraternity; and

12 WHEREAS, Mrs. Stieren was a devoted mother to her five
13 children, Lisa, George, Wendy, Kelly, and Amy, and a warm and
14 gracious hostess to their friends, both at the family's home in San
15 Antonio and at their ranch in Gillett; she also took great pride in
16 her grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and

17 WHEREAS, Barbara Stieren's deep faith was nurtured by her
18 involvement in the Episcopal Church of Reconciliation, where she
19 chaired the Altar Guild for a lengthy period; active as well in a
20 number of civic organizations, she was a dedicated member of the
21 Opera Guild of San Antonio, which named her its fall festival
22 honoree in 2009; Mrs. Stieren further contributed to her community
23 through her work with the San Antonio Botanical Garden and the
24 Junior League, and she helped produce one of the city's best-loved

1 parades as a member of the Battle of Flowers Association; she held
2 membership in the Argyle Club and the San Antonio Country Club, and
3 some of her happiest times were spent bird watching in her backyard
4 and beachcombing with her sister on Kiawah Island in South
5 Carolina; and

6 WHEREAS, Beloved for her warmth, kindness, and courageous
7 spirit, Barbara Stieren enriched immeasurably the lives of her
8 family and many friends, and she will forever hold a treasured place
9 in their hearts; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
11 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Barbara Esgen Stieren
12 and extend sincere condolences to the members of her family: to her
13 children and their spouses, Lisa and Wally Cox, George and Teri
14 Stieren, Wendy and Tom Wirth, Kelly and Jim Daniell, and Amy and
15 Chase Smiley; to her grandchildren, Heather Hardeman, Gretchen,
16 Arthur, and Gillian Stieren, Michael Cannon, Corina Adams, Thomas
17 and Chase Wirth, Laura Cone, Emily Perryman, James Daniell, Jr.,
18 Kelly and Amy Daniell, Michael Burgess, Samuel Smiley II, and
19 George Smiley; to her great-grandchildren, Thomas Anthony Wirth III
20 and Landry Lynn Wirth; and to her other relatives and friends; and,
21 be it further

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