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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Countless lives were touched by the kindness and
2 generosity of Gladys Virginia Burton of Moody and Waco, who passed
3 away on April 15, 2011, at the age of 95; and

4 WHEREAS, Born on October 10, 1915, in McGregor, the former
5 Gladys Garrett was the third of six children of Walter and Myrtle
6 Garrett; she grew up on a farm and picked cotton to help her family
7 weather the Great Depression; after attending Willow Grove School
8 for 10 years, she graduated from Moody High School in 1933; and

9 WHEREAS, Gladys Garrett married Clarence Miller Burton in
10 1936, and the couple shared a devoted union until his passing in
11 1971; Mrs. Burton was blessed with two daughters, Rita Kay and Linda
12 Beth, and also with three granddaughters and two
13 great-granddaughters; her great love for her family revealed itself
14 in many ways, not least in the months and years that she served as a
15 caregiver for her mother-in-law, her husband, and her younger
16 daughter, who predeceased her; and

17 WHEREAS, Mrs. Burton was employed in Moody as a clerk at
18 several grocery stores and later worked as a nurse technician at the
19 Ear, Nose and Throat Clinic at Scott & White Hospital in Temple, a
20 job she enjoyed enormously; she spent two decades at the clinic,
21 retiring in 1984; and

22 WHEREAS, This treasured woman contributed to her community as
23 a lifelong congregant of First Baptist Church, as a board member of
24 the Moody Cotton Harvest Festival and the Moody Cemetery

1 Association, as a 10-year volunteer with Meals on Wheels, and as a
2 member of the Order of the Eastern Star and Friends of the Moody
3 Library; her public spirit was also evidenced by her assistance
4 with multiple local elections; and

5 WHEREAS, In her leisure time, Gladys Burton avidly followed
6 college and professional football; she also delighted in holding
7 garage sales, playing 42, a game at which she excelled, and creating
8 quilts for her family; above all, she loved to travel, and she was
9 fortunate to visit many destinations in the United States and
10 abroad; and

11 WHEREAS, Gladys Burton lived a full, caring, and productive
12 life, and those who were privileged to share in her love and
13 friendship will forever remember her with great tenderness and
14 affection; now, therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
16 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Gladys Virginia
17 Burton and extend sincere condolences to the members of her family:
18 to her daughter, Rita Kay Ross, and her husband, David; to her
19 granddaughters, Robin Leigh Ross, Stacy Amanda Maisel and her
20 husband, Gary, and Lea Whitney Rozell and her husband, Darren; to
21 her great-granddaughters, Amanda Nicole Maisel and Hannah Grace
22 Maisel; to her brother, James Garrett; to her son-in-law, Tommy
23 Walker, and DiAnn, Drew, and Megan; and to her other relatives and
24 friends; and, be it further

25 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
26 prepared for her family and that when the Texas House of
27 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Gladys

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1 Burton.