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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Family and friends are mourning the loss of Martha  
2 Ann Belcher of Waco, who passed away on May 9, 2011, at the age of  
3 75; and

4           WHEREAS, Born on March 31, 1936, in Fort Worth, the former  
5 Martha Ann Pool was the only child of Jack and Estelle Pool; in  
6 1954, she moved from Houston to Waco with her parents and enrolled  
7 at Baylor University; she completed almost all the requirements for  
8 graduation before serious illness compelled her to leave school;  
9 and

10           WHEREAS, Martha Pool and Roy Belcher exchanged their wedding  
11 vows on April 30, 1960, and the couple shared a devoted union of 51  
12 years; together with her husband, Mrs. Belcher was a valued member  
13 of Richfield Christian Church, and after health challenges  
14 prevented her from attending services, she and Mr. Belcher enjoyed  
15 watching church programs on television; and

16           WHEREAS, Long involved with the Order of the Eastern Star,  
17 Mrs. Belcher was a past matron of Lorena Chapter No. 1124 and a  
18 50-year member of Waco Chapter No. 7; she founded the Heart O' Texas  
19 Hallmark Ornament Collectors Club, which generated many new  
20 friendships over the years, and she maintained a lasting pen pal  
21 relationship; and

22           WHEREAS, Among the many family relationships that  
23 Mrs. Belcher cherished were those with her Grandmother Purser,  
24 Uncle Jadi, cousin Jim Purser, and cousin Betty; and

1           WHEREAS, Beloved for her warmth, kindness, and generous  
2 spirit, Martha Belcher enriched immeasurably the lives of her  
3 family and friends, and they will forever hold her close in their  
4 hearts; now, therefore, be it

5           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas  
6 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Martha Ann Belcher and  
7 extend sincere condolences to her husband, Roy Belcher; to her  
8 husband's cousin, D'Ann Martin; to her close friend, Doris West; and  
9 to her other relatives and friends; and, be it further

10          RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
11 prepared for her family and that when the Texas House of  
12 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Martha Ann  
13 Belcher.