

By: Hughes

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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A rich and purposeful life drew to a close with the
2 passing of Marlana Morine Terry of White Oak, who died on May 27,
3 2013, at the age of 83; and

4 WHEREAS, The former Marlana Morine Raley was born on May 7,
5 1930, in Veribest to James "Cot" Olan Raley and Wilhelmina Alma
6 Marie Spieker Raley; she grew up in Junction and married Euel
7 Jackson Smith in 1948; the couple moved to Bronte, where they raised
8 their family and were active in the First Methodist Church; after
9 Mr. Smith's untimely passing in 1960, Mrs. Smith found emotional
10 support among a group of widows known as the "seven angels"; and

11 WHEREAS, To provide for her family, Mrs. Smith went to work
12 at Henry's Fast Food and Grocery, and a family friend, William
13 Eppler Terry, who had also recently lost his spouse, would stop by
14 regularly to visit with her on her coffee breaks; when the couple
15 actually began dating, most of their evenings out were spent
16 driving around together on Mr. Terry's night shift, while he
17 checked wells for Standard Oil; soon the two fell in love, and on
18 May 29, 1961, they exchanged their marriage vows; after the
19 wedding, they moved with their blended family to Anson, and several
20 years later they settled in White Oak; and

21 WHEREAS, Mrs. Terry was the devoted mother of eight children,
22 and as the years passed, she became a grandmother many times over;
23 more than anything, she delighted in spending time with her family,
24 and she enjoyed immensely their frequent, lively card games, which

1 often called for her to step in as a judicious referee; she was
2 preceded in death by her son Allen Michael Terry and by her grandson
3 James Hughey Smith, Jr.; and

4 WHEREAS, Deeply engaged in her community, Mrs. Terry was a
5 member of the Order of the Eastern Star and a volunteer with Meals
6 on Wheels; she also played an active role in White Oak United
7 Methodist Church; and

8 WHEREAS, Although Marlana Morine Terry is greatly missed, she
9 will forever be remembered with deep affection by all who held her
10 close in their hearts; now, therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
12 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the memory
13 of Marlana Morine Terry and extend sincere sympathy to the members
14 of her family: to her husband, William Eppler Terry; to her
15 children, James Hughey Smith and his wife, Joann, Patricia Ann
16 Owens and her husband, Raymond, Gary Don Smith and his wife, Joy,
17 Richard Wayne Smith and his wife, Sheron, Stephen Dennis Terry and
18 his wife, Susan, Barbara Ruth Boone, and Mollie Jeanette Upton and
19 her husband, Paul; to her grandchildren, Danny Terry, Joey Terry,
20 Rusty Terry, E. J. Smith, Krystal Isgitt, Kelli Jester, Homer
21 Owens, Jason Owens, Miranda Croft, Jeb Smith, Neely Smith, Billy
22 Terry, Cody Terry, Mandy Munoz, Dustin Upton, Dexter Upton, Dakota
23 Upton, and Leslie Wilhelm; to her 26 great-grandchildren; to her
24 brother, Olan Raley; to her sister, Minnie Pearl Hooker; to her
25 lifelong friend, Rosemary McAlexander; and to her other relatives
26 and friends; and, be it further

27 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be

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1 prepared for her family and that when the Texas House of
2 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Marlana
3 Morine Terry.