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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Family and friends will long cherish their memories
2 of Arabella Davis of Arlington, who died on December 6, 2011, at the
3 age of 76; and

4 WHEREAS, The former Arabella Toney was born in Plainview on
5 November 26, 1935, to O. T. and Laura Grace Toney; she graduated
6 from high school in Abilene and went on to earn a bachelor's degree
7 in education from Baylor University; and

8 WHEREAS, After moving to Arlington, she joined the First
9 Baptist Church, where she met John L. Davis; they were married in
10 1968, beginning a rewarding relationship that lasted for 43 years;
11 together, they were blessed with two sons, Stephen and Michael, and
12 saw their family grow to include five grandchildren; and

13 WHEREAS, Mrs. Davis distinguished herself in the course of a
14 29-year career as a teacher in the Arlington Independent School
15 District, during which she mentored hundreds of students at Short
16 Elementary School and Wood Elementary School; and

17 WHEREAS, A dedicated educator and a loving wife, mother, and
18 grandmother, Arabella Davis excelled in all of these roles, and she
19 leaves behind a legacy that will be treasured by all who held her
20 dear; now, therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
22 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Arabella Davis and
23 extend sincere condolences to the members of her family: to her
24 husband, John L. Davis; to her sons, Stephen Davis and his wife,

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1 Ronda, and Michael Davis and his wife, Melissa; to her
2 grandchildren, Haley Davis, Jordan Davis, Anna Davis, J. Davis, and
3 Mark Davis; and to her other relatives and friends; and, be it
4 further

5 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
6 prepared for her family and that when the Texas House of
7 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Arabella
8 Davis.