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H.R. No. 39

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Family, friends, and former students will long
2 treasure their memories of educator Margaret Ruth Williams Meador
3 of Arlington, who died on February 13, 2012, at the age of 75; and

4 WHEREAS, The former Margaret Williams was born in Lamesa on
5 November 14, 1936; her parents, Dr. H. V. Williams and Ruth
6 Williams, were teachers at Baylor University, and following her
7 graduation from Waco High School, she trained as an opera singer at
8 Baylor; after receiving her bachelor's degree there, she went on to
9 earn a master's degree in music from Florida State University and a
10 master's degree in humanities from The University of Texas at
11 Arlington; along the way, she married Pete Meador, and though the
12 couple later divorced, they remained good friends and devoted
13 parents to their daughter, Karen; and

14 WHEREAS, Mrs. Meador began her career in education as a high
15 school English teacher, first at Westbury High School in Houston
16 and then at several schools in the Dallas/Fort Worth area; for the
17 last 16 years of her life, she was a professor of literature and
18 humanities at Dallas Baptist University and Texas Wesleyan
19 University; and

20 WHEREAS, Professor Meador was a beloved and inspirational
21 teacher, and she earned the affection and respect of her students
22 and colleagues alike for her accomplished scholarship and devotion
23 to the humanities; she was also passionate about the causes in which
24 she believed, working in behalf of peace and justice and to

1 alleviate hunger and cruelty to animals; and

2 WHEREAS, A loving mother and a true and generous friend,
3 Margaret Meador will be forever remembered by all who knew her for
4 her intelligence, warmth, and wit; now, therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
6 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Margaret Ruth
7 Williams Meador and extend sincere condolences to the members of
8 her family: to her daughter, Karen Meador Brown, and her husband,
9 Daren; to her grandson, Duncan Gabriel Brown; to her sisters, Lisa
10 Hayes and Catherine Williams; to her sister-in-law, Sandra
11 Williams; to her brother-in-law, Jim Veninga; to her nieces, Jenny
12 Veninga, Suzanne Stoner, and Christine Kiss; to her former husband,
13 Pete Meador; and to her other relatives and friends; and, be it
14 further

15 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
16 prepared for her family and that when the Texas House of
17 Representative adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Margaret
18 Ruth Williams Meador.